

Lightning Sparks Several Fires

by Patrice Brazie

While some rain fell in the Ruidoso area on Monday, lightning strikes caused several fires in and around Lincoln County. Firefighters from Nogal, Bonito and Carrizozo responded to a fire in the area of the former O-Bar-O Ranch near the intersection of State Highways 380

and 37 on Monday afternoon. That fire burned approximately 72 acres of grassland.

Lincoln County Emergency Services Director Travis Atwell took a crew and the county's six-wheel all-terrain attack vehicle to assist crews from the U.S. Forest Service in battling a small fire near the Loma Grande Ranch on the

Nogal Mesa. Atwell told The News on Tuesday that the Loma Grande fire occurred in a heavily timbered area but, thanks to the rapid response of firefighters, was contained to less than an acre burned.

Also on Monday, Carrizozo and U.S. Forest Service responders managed to put out a 10-15-acre fire in Water Canyon in Carrizozo

while hot shot crews fought two small fires on the Mescalero Apache Reservation.

As weather conditions ease into the monsoon patterns of summer, storms are expected to bring continued threats of lightning-caused fires until sufficient rainfall reduces those threats. Fire restrictions remain in place across the

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RAIN CLOUDS FINALLY MAKE APPEARANCE -- Some promising rain clouds have been part of beautiful and photogenic Lincoln County for a better part of a week and several much needed showers have been reported in the higher elevation areas of the county, and even Carrizozo received some moisture on Sunday night past. (Courtesy photo)

County Reimburses Greentree Solid Waste

For Unseen Costs on Compactor Project

by Doris Cherry

Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) has completed a project of placing a large compactor site in each strategic location in the county.

But unseen cost increases on parts, change orders for fencing, and installation of security cameras due to abuse of equipment, put the project over budget by \$8,932.

At the Lincoln County Commission meeting June 21, Greentree supervisor Debra Ingle requested the county reimburse the \$8,932, because the compactor site sits on county owned property, which is leased by Greentree.

In her report to county commissioners, which is set on the agenda monthly, Ingle said the three new compactors sites -- Hondo, Buckhorn and Loma Grande -- are "up and running with no problems and lots of compliments."

Ingle said so far there have been no problems with illegal dumping.

As for the reimbursement, county manager Tom Stewart said there was money set aside in the budget for the project to cover the extra costs.

County commissioner Jackie Powell was concerned about abuse of the compactors, citing how she had

found the compactor at the Hondo site blocked with metal, which led to people leaving trash beside the unit.

The same occurred at the Glencoe site, resulting in "trash everywhere."

"I know the dumpsters help cut down on the use of trash trucks, but can't you send a guy in a pickup to go around and pick up the trash," Powell asked.

As for checking sites for illegal dumping, Ingle said she herself does that. "I am out five days a week," Ingle said. "I don't run on the weekend anymore because of budget concerns."

She said the problem with the Nosker site (which Powell had referred to as Glencoe), was the door on the compactor was not closed properly and the wind had caught the door and ripped out a wire.

Ingle also said she said she no longer picks up illegally dumped large and heavy items such as water heaters.

Powell said she "heard a rumor" that someone had to pay an "astronomical fee" to dispose of bags of yard waste at the Hondo site.

"People won't use these if they have to pay too much, especially those who have to travel a long way to the site," Powell said.

The fee to dispose of large items is \$14 a yard, set by the Greentree Solid Waste Authority board, Ingle said.

In addition, Greentree still has the free disposal days, in the spring

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White Oaks Billboard Dispute Continues

by Patrice Brazie

A dispute between the New Mexico Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and county manager over a billboard marking the turn off to the town of White Oaks on New Mexico Highway 54 is heating up.

The billboard, which is located on state land, tells motorists that the former mining settlement is nine miles off of the state highway and that the cemetery there contains historic gravesites.

Imagery on the sign includes a picture of an historic building in White Oaks and an icon representing an artist's palette and the words "artist studios".

According to county manager Tom Stewart, the inclusion of the reference to the studios prompted a complaint to state agencies from an unidentified citizen who objected to the use of the billboard for the pro-

motion of private enterprise.

Stewart was told by the DOT's Michael Otero that the billboard is in violation of the Highway Beautification Act and would have to be removed or modified in a way that would eliminate any information other than the direction and distance from the state highway to the town of White Oaks.

Stewart submitted a couple of modification options for the sign that would remove any reference to the studios, but was told that the sign could only contain information on the direction and mileage to the settlement and all illustrations would have to be removed.

Stewart expressed his frustration with the DOT during the June 21st meeting of the board of county commissioners.

"I told (Otero), you know what, forget it," Stewart said. "DOT will have to remove the sign and bill the county. Confronted with such a response, he advised that he would

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Property Valuation Protests Higher

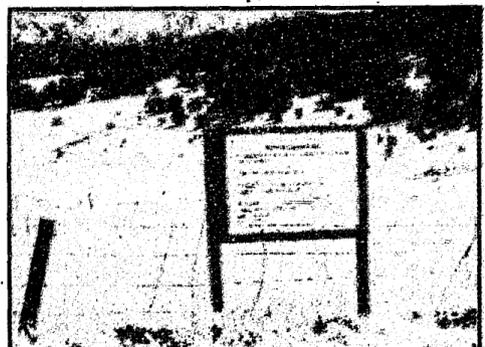
by Patrice Brazie

Speaking before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on June 21st, county assessor Paul Baca reported that his office has received more protests regarding property valuations this year than in previous years.

"Our valuation has increased without a reappraisal to 2.3 percent," Baca began.

"Last year we were at \$1,038,781,000. Now we're at \$1,063,180,000. That's due to new construction, alterations and rise in value when property changes hands," he said. "I don't anticipate a large increase or decrease in tax values because there haven't been any bonds passed and hopefully, remain about the same for this year."

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A LARGE PARCEL OF LAND, situated between the Rio Salado and the Rio Maggaddo on the east end of Capitan, is being considered as a business park development. (Photo by Doris Cherry)



Lincoln National Forest

Closed

County Fire Restrictions continue.

Ruidoso Downs in Level III: Restrictions prohibiting all open flame.

Ruidoso in Level III: but will allow gas grills in controlled areas.

ED. NOTE -- Although the county does not restrict smoking outside, the state did issue restrictions that ban open flame, campfires etc. and ALSO require smoking only inside buildings or an enclosed vehicle with ash tray.



COUNTY MANAGER Tom Stewart made a visit to Nogal Volunteer Fire Department's recently expanded Forsythe Hall station last Sunday. The volunteers held an open house to give locals a chance to see the new bay addition and renovations to interior space. Shown here, Stewart (right) chats with Nogal firefighter Francine Murtaugh (left) and Assistant Chief Tim Brazie. The Fire Department also showed off its fleet to visitors during the open house and at least one of the department's pumpers was needed to assist in putting out a fire near the former O-Bar-O Ranch on State Hwy. 380 on Monday as several fires caused by lightning strikes occurred across the county. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Lincoln County 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 Mesalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mesalero. 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 15
--Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo open 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. for come and go silent prayer.

brown bag lunch optional.

MONDAY, JULY 18
--Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m., rescheduled from meetings originally planned for July 11 and July 12 which were cancelled due to lack of quorum.

--Highway 380 west of Carrizozo scheduled for road block by White Sands Missile Range Control 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at about mile markers 49 and 3. Subject to change.

--The White Mountain Search and Rescue (WMSAR) regular meeting 7:00 p.m., board meeting at 5:45 p.m., all welcome) upstairs at the First Christian Church, 1211 Hull Road, Ruidoso. All interested outdoors people are welcome to attend. Topics will include discussion of the Mock Search Exercise June 25, and Mounted Team activities. White Mountain SAR is seeking interested horse riders to join the new Mounted SAR team. An informational meeting is to be held along with our regular meeting July 18th. There will then be a rider orientation exercise August 13th. This will be a fun way to enjoy your horse while helping those in your community. A certification test is planned for September 10. Certification is mandatory, and team members assist all applicants with the minimal training requirements. For details or more information, contact: Tony Davis (575) 336-4501, Mark Younger (575) 808-2982, Matt Midgett (575) 354-0088 (Mounted Team)

TUESDAY, JULY 19
--Lincoln County Commission meeting 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 21
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board 7:00 p.m. at Community Church in Lincoln.

**BOOKMOBILE
NEXT WEEK**
Check Schedule
for
dates and times

Mal Pais Colts 4-H Club Car Wash

The Mal Pais Colts 4-H Club will be having a car wash on Saturday, July 16 at the Carrizozo Fire Department. Car wash will be from 9:00 am to 12 noon. For more information call Martha Bond at 648-2912.



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AMBER LaMAY of Capitan took this beautiful and unique photo of these (looks like three) baby raccoons in the Alto area of Lincoln County. Thanks for sharing your photo with us.

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county and the Lincoln National Forest remains closed to all recreational use.

In a statement issued on Monday, Lincoln National Forest Public Affairs Officer Joseph Garcia offered a reminder that no use of fire, campgrounds, hiking, picnicking, off-highway vehicles, bicycles, motor bikes, or horseback riding is authorized. All national forest system roads are closed, but all interstates, state and county roads through the Lincoln National Forest remain open.

"Lincoln National Forest officials do not take this action lightly," Garcia stated. "Since weather has been one of the precursors, full forest closure is the best decision involving the public, firefighter and the livelihood of our mountain communities' safety."

A recent survey indicates that the most common cause of man-made fires is the use of welders, chain saws and other spark-creating power tools. Fires can

also occur when vehicles with hot engines are parked on dry vegetation along roadsides, or by sparks emitted from moving trains. Burning trash or other rubbish is also a common cause of wildfires. Residents and visitors to Lincoln County are asked to comply with the ban on outdoor burning and use precautions whenever working or playing outdoors.

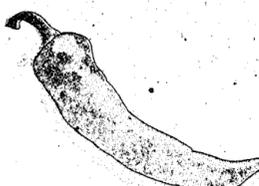
The county's volunteer fire departments

are always looking for able-bodied volunteers who are willing to get the training required for certification. Training is offered by the county's emergency service agencies to firefighters wishing to improve their skills, but some departments are also in need of volunteers for purposes other than assisting with fire suppression. Anyone with a desire to serve may call their local fire department to sign up.

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and fall at various locations throughout the county.

Ingle said she was unsure what had occurred with the resident with the bags of yard waste, because the fees should be posted at the site.

Powell also asked about a rumor that residential customers were being charged a commercial compactor fee.

Ingle said that was not true, and the only commercial compactors serviced by Greentree Solid Waste were at the race track and the county club in Alto, and only those two businesses are charged an additional \$2.50 a month "compactor fee."

"This is not charged to anyone else," Ingle said. "The board said residents will not pay for damage to commercial units."

"You notice we've not had any residential rate increases," Ingle continued.

County commissioner Mark Doth questioned how the compactor project was so far off budget. "You started with \$75,000 now its almost \$150,000," Doth said.

Ingle said it was due to the change orders and cost increases.

Doth said in the future when Greentree comes to the commission asking for money, he wanted more details.

And as for having staff work on weekends to keep up with illegal dumping, Doth suggested Ingle alternate work schedules so someone is available on weekends when use and illegal dumping are the heaviest.

An issue with weekend cleanups is the landfill is closed and there is no place to take the garbage, Ingle responded.

She then said she could look at arranging schedules to cover the weekends.

Doth commented that the solid waste authority was a "convoluted situation with part private and part public."

County commissioner Kathryn Minter, who sits as the county representative on the Greentree Solid Waste Board, made the motion to approve the reimbursement.

"Solid waste management is the most thankless job in the world," Minter said. "Debra and her crews do a good job."

Ingle then reported that she had an opportunity to write a grant for funding to construct a compactor site along Highway 220 (Airport Road in Alto). She said they were having to remove the cur-

rent dumpsters, because of illegal dumping.

She said a lot of problems seemed to be coming from the Ranches of Sonterra area, where there is already a compactor.

"If the county has property along Highway 220 to build another compactor site, I'll do another grant," Ingle said. "And hopefully prices haven't changed."

Stewart said the county has three pockets of land along Highway 220.

"The neighbors aren't going to like it, but it's county property," Stewart said.

Ingle said she is looking for additional compactor sites for the Tinnie/Arabella area and on Highway 48.

Powell challenged the term "illegal dumping" which to her meant dumping toxic or hazardous waste, not leaving a large item such as a couch next to a dumpster.

She also contended that the monthly solid waste fee imposed on all county residential properties should be enough to cover the cost of using the compactors, and should also cover the cost of picking up the items set by dumpsters.

As for paying to

dispose of large items, Powell said Sierra Contracting will take these items for no cost.

"But you have to take it to them," Ingle said. "We are not competing with Sierra Contractors. And because we're government, we can't give certain things away."

Ingle said when the solid waste authority was first established, the board did not want to require all county residents to pay an additional fee for disposing large items, on top of the regular residential garbage rate.

"I'm not talking about a rate increase," Powell said.

It costs Greentree \$3 to \$5 to

dispose of a couch depending on its weight and how it crushes," Ingle said.

But Powell said she refused to accept an additional fee, or rate increase.

"I'm not for a rate increase," Ingle responded.

Minter said anything not in a dumpster is considered illegal dumping. "It is the responsibility of the public," she said. "Manning these sites would take more money."

County commission chair Eileen Sedillo said a problem arises when people go to the compactors and dumpsters and find them full.

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*Happy 54th
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to
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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, January 17, 1958

Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

Our Trek to New Mexico and the Following Years
by **ETHEL KEATHLEY**
Capitan, New Mexico
(Continued from Last Week)

In 1904 most of the buildings in Capitan were on Fourth and Fifth streets, there were a few buildings in the south part of town, but the total was few. The frontrow residence was on Third street.

The wagon road from Carrizozo ran via Nogal and climbed the Nogal hill, thence to Capitan, entering down Fifth street, turning just north of the old grade school as far as the Fisher Lumber Company, then turned east and crossed the creek, following same through the Gap. The road passed under, or at least very near to what was referred as the Jefferson Rock.

Come with me back to Capitan and let's go up Lincoln avenue. There was nothing but open spaces and fresh air 'til we reach the present location of the Buena Vista hotel. At that date a saloon occupied this site, and in the blocks between Second and First street, on both sides, there were several buildings. On the west side of Lincoln, traveling north, was Welch and Tittsworth General Merchandise and next door on the corner of Lincoln and First, was the McCorkle hotel. As we turn the corner, heading west, we see the printing office where Jno A. Haley edited the Capitan News. Next door was the forest office and I think one vacant building.

Directly across from these are three vacancies under one roof which were later occupied by P.G. Peters General Merchandise, a barber shop and Welch and Tittsworth. Now let's look eastward from the corner of Lincoln and First, but first the depot, in its present location. At the corner, looking east, to our left is a livery barn and to our right Seaborn T. Gray's residence. As we look back down Lincoln, we see on the east side the post office in the corner building-now Halls drug store; then a vacant building, a hotel and a blacksmith shop. Way down the street, on the corner of Lincoln and Fourth, the Fisher Lumber Company. Across the creek, a little west of north, is a home.

We all know the location of the old grade school. I was told last Sunday by Mrs. Key that the grade school was here as early as 1901, and I am sure Mrs Key knows.

I think it was 1908 that any Capitan resident owned a car. We called them automobiles or gas buggies. The Johnson brothers bought one. Boy, but it was noisy and frightened the wits out of any old gentle nag that they met on the road. If I remember right, Dan and Clara Larsen, bought the next car--a Ford, I think. Mr. Tittsworth finally converted from horse and buggy to an automobile; also Ben Nabours, forest ranger. I had my first auto ride in the Nabours car about 1916.

During daily train service, I believe, the train brought the mail from Carrizozo. Later it come in a hack, then finally by motor bus (we called it the mail car.) Between then and now hangs a separate story, if some one will tell it--about boys who bucked the bad roads and what have you. There was no black

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Physical Therapist Joins LCMC Rehabilitation Services Department

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Casey received his bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah. He recently completed his doctorate of physical therapy at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. In addition to his academic experience, Casey has worked as a student physical therapist and a Physical Therapy Aide throughout Nebraska and Utah.

Casey will see patients in the LCMC Therapy Center, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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EDITORIALS and OTHER STUFF

THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

by Ruth Hammond

Threats Are A National Disgrace

Politicians in Washington, D.C. and all their cohorts are causing grief across the nation. They may honestly believe they are garnering support from the people when actually they aren't. The information trickling down is that there is a good chance Social Security checks will not be sent out on August 3. Additional info is that SSI checks will not be sent. Of equal interest is that Medicare and Medicaid benefits will be cut. If Medicaid prescription money is cut it could cause the deaths of numerous people because many of the prescriptions are necessary to stay alive.

And if older retired people do not receive their Social Security checks they could die much earlier than they should. But what about all of the disabled people who receive SSI checks? Are they not important to this nation? Or is all that is being touted just a ploy to gain more votes next year? Is it a plan which arises regularly and has been the gist of publicity to scare people? And is there the possibility that people unable to care for themselves will be cast out with no caregivers?

National politics is different from what is happening at the local level. National officials do not have to worry because they will be paid for the remainder of their life, whether they are in office or not. Their medical coverage is fabulous and they aren't in danger of price increases. They don't really have a worry, which translates into the fact that it doesn't matter much to them if the budget or debt limit is settled. They can smile on TV and try to make it sound as if they are working for some type solution when they are ignoring the masses.

Instead of being concerned about the future of the public, they frown for the cameras and give the impression they shed tears over the national fiscal mess. Accusations are made against their opponents, relics of both parties, and with a hand over their hearts they pledge to work for a solution that will be beneficial for everyone.

Considering the heartache and grief and the worry that is taking a toll on people, it seems national politicians should be ashamed of what they are doing. They should get down on their knees and beg forgiveness from the people who elected them, not spout doubletalk. They should be ostracized and deported. Their actions are not in the best interest of anyone. It is a disgrace.

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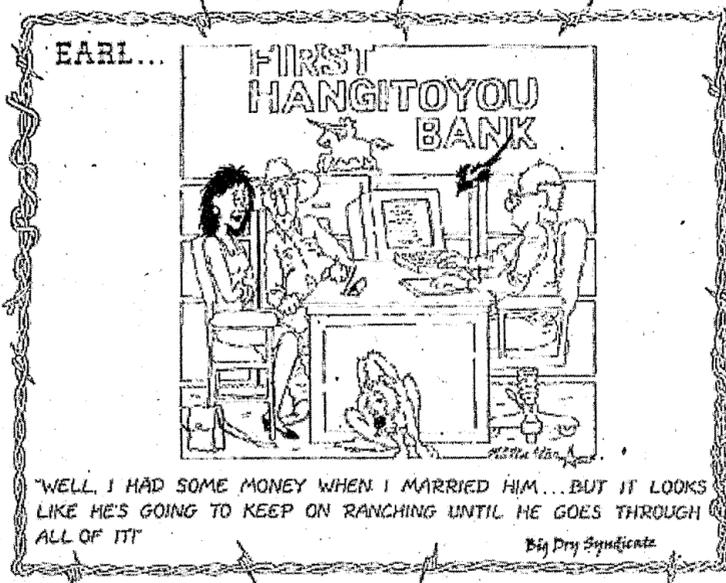
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* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE - Not many landlocked states get to see a Navy exhibit but New Mexico is one of them as the state's history museum in Santa Fe honors the World War I and II battleship USS New Mexico as well as its newly commissioned namesake, a nuclear submarine that is the most powerful warship ever built.

New Mexico can be very proud of its two warships. The battleship New Mexico was ready just in time for our entry into World War I. It is a tradition to name battleships after states and New Mexico and Arizona had both just become states as our nation saw itself slowly being dragged into World War I.

The first USS New Mexico was the first of its class of battleship to be built so subsequent battleships were called New Mexico-class. After World War I, the USSNM became the flagship for the Pacific Fleet during the 1920s. The designation turned out to be appropriate since New Mexicans distinguished themselves in the Pacific as defenders of Bataan and as Navajo code talkers throughout the Pacific.

The USS New Mexico made a quick appearance in the Atlantic in 1941 when German ships threatened shipping from our Eastern seaboard. And that is how the New Mexico missed being at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941.

The USS New Mexico soon was back in the Pacific, fighting in the Gilberts, the Marshalls, the Solomons and the Marianas. It finished the war as one of our

nation's most battered battleships, having taken hits from kamikazes, bombs and suicide boats. But after repairs, it kept on fighting.

It was on its way for the invasion of Japan when the war ended. In recognition of its valor, the USS New Mexico was among the ships invited to Tokyo Bay to witness Japan's surrender. A touching picture of our battleship, with Mount Fujiyama in the background was on display at the New Mexico History Museum through May 9.

Also on display was a 56-piece silver service commissioned from Tiffany by New Mexico's 3rd Legislature for \$10,000. The set included a cigar humidor in the shape of Taos Pueblo, along with 24 silver plates engraved with scenes ranging from Coronado

to the territorial period.

Also on display were many relics of our battleship, along with a television documentary telling the old ship's dramatic story.

It is tradition in the Navy to name war ships after previous ships that have served with honor and that the new ships carry items from their ancestral ship. Thus some of the silver collection and other items were donated to the New Mexico nuclear submarine.

The new USS New Mexico will join the U.S. Navy's operational fleet in January 2012. Its homeport will be Gorton, Conn. It is likely to be stationed somewhere near the Middle East.

It isn't easy to get a second major ship named after a state. It took years of work by New Mexico's congressional delegation along with outstanding efforts

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WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The monsoon season continues to be a blessing for Lincoln County with forecasted slight to good chances of showers and thunderstorms for the upcoming week on a daily and nightly basis.

There are light winds out of the southwest in the forecast, calming in the early morning hours.

Daytime temperatures will be solidly in the 90s at the lower elevations, and in the 80s at the higher elevations. Nighttime temperatures will be solidly 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, July 14

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, partly sunny, with a high near 92, calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66, southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Friday, July 15

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 95, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Saturday, July 16

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 94, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy,

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Letters to the Editor:

EDITOR - At times, it seems that small towns can almost form a collective entity. This can be a wonderful thing, or not.

In times of tragedy, (or near tragedy) a small town's collective consciousness can wrap its love, prayers, and good wishes around those affected and embrace them, support them and lift them up. What a soothing balm to ease the pain we feel at times like this! Or...we can choose to judge, blame, gossip. After all, it makes us feel "safer", better than, more secure in our daily lives. Surely this happened because of bad parenting, poor morals, malicious intent, etc.

It is easy to sit in our comfortable chairs and think: 'this could never happen to our family, our child...' But we are all human and therefore fallible. That is a **fact**. Another inescapable fact is that **Pain is Pain**. Emotional pain, physical pain, spiritual pain. It connects us all.

I say, turn this near tragedy into something positive. I say turn **Pain into Purpose**. I say look at your own family and realize that life is precious and fragile and scary and unpredictable. Hug your children every day and tell them you love them. Choose as a collective small town entity to love and lift and embrace **BOTH** families and **ALL** the young people scarred in physical and emotional ways by this event. Keep **EVERYONE** in your thoughts and prayers.

And to the powers that be: please, please, think carefully about what would serve a better purpose...punishment, or a way to teach from this example? Have the children involved in this accident talk to classes at the schools about gun safety about how this **CAN** happen to you, how to prevent it and how it has affected them. Doesn't that make sense? Mother Theresa said: "When we judge people, we have less time to love them", Bob Packwood said: "Good judgment comes from experience, and often experience comes from bad judgment"

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all the hands that touched my nephews during this whole ordeal. From the young people at the scene who administered first aid in what had to have been a very scary time, to the EMTs (Hayden and Barbara) that know our family so well, also to my daughter, Angela was working registration at the hospital in Alamogordo that day and could offer comfort to my sister just by being there, to my uncle Jimmy who is a top notch helicopter pilot who just happened to be on duty that day, the trauma surgeon who had my nephew in the operating room shortly after he arrived at the hospital, and all the nurses and doctors and everyone who will never know how just doing their daily jobs they have touched so many lives and everyone that started requests for prayers through facebook and all the people that didn't even know my family that prayed for us because of that.

Cinda M. Vinson
Lafayette, Colorado

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

PB-2011-20

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
CAROLIN IRIS HAZLETT, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned personal representative at Angela Iris Schmid, P.O. Box 8103, Ruidoso, NM 88355, or to the attorney for the personal representative, Charles E. Hawthorne at 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

DATED: June 27, 2011

/S/ signed
Angela Iris Schmid
Personal
Representative of the
Estate of Carolyn Iris
Hazelett,
Deceased
P.O. Box 8103
Ruidoso, NM 88355

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Charles E. Hawthorne
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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 OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR COMPLETE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TO:

Terry Keith Halladay, Jerry Blair Halladay and the Unknown Heirs of Blair B. Halladay, Deceased, and all unknown persons claiming any lien upon or right title or interest in or to the Estate of Blair B. Halladay, Deceased,
GREETING:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terry Keith Halladay has filed with the above-named Court a Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Personal Representative. A copy of said Petition is being furnished to all known interested parties.

Hearing has been set to consider the Petition on the 25th day of August, 2011, at 1:15 o'clock p.m., Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, before the District Judge Karen Parsons of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

JAN PERRY
Clerk of the District Court
Lincoln County, New Mexico

(Seal)

By: Mickie L. Vega
Deputy

HEIDEL, SAMBERSON, NEWELL,
COX, McMAHON
Post Office Drawer 1599
Lovington, New Mexico, 88260
(575) 396-5303

Lewis C. Cox, III
Attorneys for Estate

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. D-1226-CV-2010-00407

FANNIE MAE (FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSOCIATION),
Plaintiff,

vs.

GENE W. CLARK,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on July 26, 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 Defendant, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 137 Red Fox Lane, Nogal, New Mexico 88341, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land situated within the N/2 of the S/2 of Section 27, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, more particularly described as follows:

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Beginning at the ¼ corner common to Sections 26 and 27, Township 9 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.; thence North 89°44' West, 3115.0 feet to the point of beginning of this tract; thence North 89°44' West, 396.0 feet; thence South 0°10' West, 540.0 feet; thence North 77°53' East, 82.0 feet; thence South 79°36' East, 322.6 feet; thence North 0°10' East, 575.0 feet to the point of beginning,

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 Defendant upon entry of an order approving sale. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy a foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on June 17, 2011, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$202,346.08, and the same bears interest at the rate of 9.9700% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$55.27 per diem, commencing on April 16, 2011, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendant Gene W. Clark 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 \$202,346.08, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$5,637.54 for a total judgment plus interest of \$207,983.62. 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@littledranted.com

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LEGAL NOTICE

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
VILLAGE OF CORONA, NEW MEXICO

POSITION: Public Works Director, Full Time Position
EMPLOYER: Village of Corona, NM
CLOSING DATE: Open until filled

TO APPLY: All qualified candidates are strongly encouraged to apply. To apply please provide a letter of interest, resume and completed application to the Village Clerk's Office at 461 Corona Main St., P.O. Box 37, Corona, NM 88318. 575-849-5511

DESIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:
Theory, principles, practices and techniques of public works for maintaining public facilities and infrastructure; operating municipal water, natural gas, solid waste and wastewater systems; utility maintenance functions; applicable federal, state and local laws, codes and regulations governing the administration of public works and public utilities functions and activities; principles and practices of public administration, including budgeting, purchasing and the maintenance of public records; personnel rules and policies and principles and practices of management and supervision.

Ability to:
Supervise Public Work employees in day to day operations; Evaluate and council employees when necessary and manage/schedule overall operational priorities. Plan, direct and integrate broad, comprehensive public works and utilities programs and activities; analyze complex engineering and maintenance issues and problems, evaluate alternative solutions and develop sound conclusions, recommendations and courses of action; present proposals and recommendations clearly and logically in public meetings; understand, interpret, explain and apply local, state and federal law and regulations governing public works and utility services; evaluate management practices and adopt effective courses of action; develop clear, concise and comprehensive technical reports, correspondence and other written materials; exercise sound, independent judgment within general policy guidelines; establish and maintain effective working relationships with the Village Council, Mayor, staff, private and community organizations, developers, contractors, governmental and regulatory officials, and others encountered in the course of work.

Successful candidates must have a valid CDL or ability to obtain a CDL within six months of employment. High School Diploma or GED and DOT drug testing required. Experience in heavy equipment operation, pipeline construction and maintenance preferred. Must have or be able to obtain water, wastewater, and natural gas operator certifications as mandated. The Village of Corona is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

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More Letters . . .

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EDITOR -- Why are some people calling for less government when what we need is better government? Reduced government almost allowed a full blown depression in 2008. Because of lobbyist pressure and poor government some financial regulations had been removed and others weren't enforced allowing major banking and mortgage crises to occur. Without new regulations and good government it could happen again.

I was an aircraft engineer before retiring. Airplanes have to be designed, tested, and operated per extensive government (FAA) rules. You may dislike government but I assure you that your government and its rules have made airplanes much safer than they would have been with fewer government rules.

Some people are calling for more free market and private sector control of health care. But that's what we've had in the past and how well has it worked? My before retirement insurance policy was going up 15-25% per year in cost. The U.S. has had, by far, the most expensive health care system in the world. And health care in the U.S. is ranked 33rd in the world in quality. But House Speaker Boehner says we have the best health care in the world. What planet does he live on? It's time to give our government a chance to design a health care system that we can afford and works. Other countries have done it.

People want less government because they don't want to pay for it. They would like the benefits of government to be free and a lot of people are already getting some of it free. Almost half of the American people pay no income tax. For those of us who are paying, income tax rates are the lowest since the 1950s. You just can't please some people.

Dick Mastin
Alto, NM 88312

White Oaks Billboard . . .

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seek additional guidance from a federal expert in the Highway Beautification Act. I await his decision in writing," Stewart said.

While the dispute over the billboard continues, Stewart is withholding the \$600 annual fee paid by the county to the New Mexico State Land Office for a permit for the sign.

"I am dragging my feet on the payment of the fee pending a written decision by the DOT," Stewart said. "I'm going to stonewall the state."

In a letter to Otero, Stewart noted that the White Oaks cemetery is the final resting place for local historic figures, including the first governor of the State of New Mexico and Lincoln County Deputy James Bell who was killed by Billy the Kid in 1881.

The cemetery is open to visitors free-of-charge and carries no association with any private business or enterprise. enterprise.

County Reimburses . . .

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"People will not take their trash back with them," she added. "But people do know about illegal dumping."

Doth said part of the problem is in Ruidoso, residents can place large items beside the dumpsters for free pickup by the village, all of which is included in their monthly trash bills.

"I think we're getting ready to see a change in that," Ingle responded. "Because state and federal laws are not going to allow that."

Powell said the Greentree rates for county residents are not that far off from Ruidoso rates. "And people have to drive long way, then have no place to put their stuff," she added.

"The Greentree rates have come a long way from what they were 10 years ago," Powell said. "And we can lose our houses if we don't pay."

(Since inception, Greentree, once Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA), had abilities to go to the county to impose liens on properties that are very past due in payment of trash rates.)

Ingle concluded her report by saying that with the Hondo Site, there is a collection center to take bulk items in every area of the county.

Sedillo's last comment about illegal dumping was people are getting lazier all the time.

Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp Meeting Cancelled

Nogal Mesa Ranchman's Camp Meeting, held annually in July at the top of Nogal Mesa, has been cancelled this year due to closure of the National Forests because of extreme drought conditions.

The local committee expresses their regret and asks everyone to pray for rain. The tentative date for the 2012 Camp Meeting is July 18-22.

THINK RAIN!

Weather Report . . .

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with a low around 65.
Sunday, July 17
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 91, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Monday, July 18
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 93, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Tuesday, July 19
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 92, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 65.
Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and

Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:
Today, Thursday, July 14
 A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon, partly sunny, with a high near 83, south wind between 5 and 10 mph, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight, mostly cloudy, with a low around 61, southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Friday, July 15
 A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 86, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Saturday, July 16
 A fair chance of

showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 82, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Sunday, July 17
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 80, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 62.
Monday, July 18
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 82, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
Tuesday, July 19
 A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 81, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorm, partly cloudy, with a low around 61.
 The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.



THE NEW CAPITAN HEALTH CLINIC project is moving along, with a completion date by the end of July. The project is financed by a grant obtained by the County of Lincoln. Operation of the Capitan Clinic is funded by a mill levy approved by Lincoln County voters. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

**4th ANNUAL BENEFIT
 RANCH RODEO & Barn Dance
 Along with the PIES and PRIZE AUCTION**

Saturday, July 16th / Capitan, New Mexico

Lincoln County Fair Grounds
 Ranch Rodeo 6:00 pm / Barn Dance 8:00 pm

Auction During Barn Dance -- Admission \$5.00

Proceeds to benefit Lincoln County Cowboy Crisis Fund

Sponsored by: Lincoln County Fair Association, Lincoln County Sheriff's Department & Sheriff's Posse

*In Honor of the
 50th Wedding Anniversary
 of
 Wayland and Patsy Dobbs*

*Their children and grandchildren
 invite you to share in the celebration
 Sunday, August 7, 2011
 Carrizozo First Baptist Church*

*Lunch will be served at 1:00pm
 Come and go visiting from 1:00 to 4:00
 RSVP by July 20th*

*Tierney Riddle at 575-635-3218 / Yvonne Bartz at 575-430-2792
 No gifts please. Your presence will be present enough.*

Looking Back 'Through Our Old Files'

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Our Trek to New Mexico and the Following Years by ETHEL KEATHLEY Capitan, New Mexico (Continued from Last Week)

top then.
 After a few years the road was routed up Lincoln avenue to the corner of First street, turning east, and then through the gap east of town. Much later the road was graded over Indian Divide where it now is.

COALORA - THE COAL MINING TOWN

Coalora was a coal mining town, nothing more and if I remember correctly, began to close down in 1905. By the end of 1906 it was completely dead and most of it moved to Dawson City, New Mexico, where the coal company had other holdings.

A few of the coal company houses were sold locally to homesteaders which this country had quite a rash of in those and following years. I know of one home in Capitan now, besides the Corrine Provine home, that once was in Coalora, and was then painted a barn red. The Provine house, however, was yellow and the manager of the company store lived in it. The red houses were good cottages, but what a color!

We had much to thank the coal company for. They provided a payroll; also a good market for chicken eggs, dairy products and garden truck. I recall that I wrote in a letter home that "anything green, except myself, was saleable." I've even seen small boys sell lambs quarter, an edible weed.

One drawback was that the Coalora boys were always short of ready cash-they never seemed to have a dime on them. They were eager to buy, but the stock question was: "Will you take script?"

It was the queerest medium of exchange I had ever seen. Just about everyone had some of it in their pockets or purses. I sewed a lot for the miners' women folks, but was always paid in script.

They were a rough sort of people, those who followed the coal camps, but we missed them and their "script" when they were gone.

Both towns had a post office and until Coalora closed theirs we received our mail there.

The coal company drilled a well on their land (I was told they were prospecting for coal) and struck good, soft water. The well was weakly artesian in that the water flowed out on top of the ground in a stream probably three - fourths of an inch.

The company ran a water wagon from this well to provide water for the town of Coalora. I don't know whether Capitan received any water from this well during the life of Coalora, but later and for a good many years there was a water wagon on Capitan's streets selling water from "the Artesian well" for 50 cents a barrel. Most folks stored it in wooden barrels.

It is small wonder that Capitan is so proud of its present water, for water has always been a problem for the village.

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Property Valuation Protests . . .

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Baca said that his office has received 49 protests this year, eight from owners of commercial properties and 41 from residential property owners.

"That's the most we've had in a long time," Baca said. "It's mostly because individuals think that, because of the economy and the values of the homes are coming down, our values are (too high). A lot of times, they're not over-valued but, if they are, we look at the market and if we have an error we'll correct it," he said.

Baca said that central assessment website shows a loss in Lincoln County property values of \$3.4 million, which he said is probably due primarily to depreciation of assets owned by railroads and telecommunication companies.

"I don't think it'll hurt us very much," Baca predicted. "Livestock valuations have increased by about \$700,000 even though the numbers are down. That's due to the fact that the values on the livestock were up this year."

Baca said that his office has a depreciation schedule that he encourages commercial business owners to utilize to accurately keep track of the rate at which assets depreciate.

"I try to alert the commercial owners that they need to look at that every year because it does depreciate. Some of them don't do that," Baca said.

He told the county commissioners that he gets phone calls from people asking why their personal property taxes are higher than they perhaps should be, and he explains that they need to adjust values based on the depreciation schedule and file those adjustments every year.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

<p>MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY NOGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>ANCHO COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Worship . . . 9:00 a.m. Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>CORONA UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>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)</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p>	<p>ANGUS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE Serving All of Lincoln County Rick Hutchingson, Pastor 336-8032 SW Corner of Hwy 48 & Hwy 37 Junction (Between Ruidoso and Capitan) SUNDAY Sunday School for All Ages . . . 9:30 a.m. Morning Worship 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.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>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.</p> <hr/> <p>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</p> <hr/> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST Corona, New Mexico Terry Aiello, Pastor / 849-0105 Worship . . . 9:30 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH Tony Scaccia, Minister 849-1402 Second Saturday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.</p> <hr/> <p>WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH (Non-Denominational) Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.</p>
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OBITUARY



BRETT BARHAM

Geraldine Randle. Brett grew up on a cattle ranch in Carrizozo and graduated from Carrizozo High School. He received his bachelors, masters, and doctorate from Texas Tech University and was a proud alumnus and Red Raider fan.

While at Texas Tech, he utilized the experience gained in his many years of showing livestock and served as a livestock judge for which he won numerous awards. He was recognized for many things, including publication of his work in professional journals.

Brett was Associate Professor of Animal Science for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service and was president of the Arkansas Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists.

He worked in education and research specializing in beef cattle breeding and genet-

ics. A celebration of Brett's life was held today, Thursday, July 14, with Dr. Luke Conway officiating. Interment followed at Riverwood Memorial Gardens.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Brett Barham memorial fund at any Arvest bank.

Arrangements by Little Rock Funeral Home, Little Rock, Arkansas.

To sign Brett's guestbook, visit: www.littlerockfuneralhome.com.

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by New Mexicans headed by Dick Brown of Albuquerque.

The captain of the USS New Mexico will be George Perez. During construction of the nuclear sub, New Mexico native Commander Robert Darin was in charge of the ship. Dain was born in Shiprock, where his father was a doctor. Later Dain lived in Tijeras and Cedar Crest. He graduated from Albuquerque St. Pius High School in 1982.

It isn't common for many of the crew to be from the state for which a ship is named. Dain was a happy exception. The crest of the ship also was designed by a New Mexico high school student.

New Mexico can be proud of the work done by New Mexicans to get our name on this new ship. Don't miss your chance to learn more about it at the New Mexico Museum of History, 113 Lincoln Ave., in Santa Fe.

Physician's Assistant Joins Lincoln County Surgical Clinic



Assistant in Hermosillo, Mexico. Wilson is conversational in Spanish.

"Jennifer's presence in the Surgical Clinic will allow us to see patients in an expedited manner while maintaining a high level of patient satisfaction," said Dr. Jackson.

Dr. Jackson said Wilson would be at the Lincoln County Surgical Clinic Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. She will assist Dr. Lindsey with procedures and surgeries, round with Dr. Lindsey at the hospital and also see patients at the Surgical Clinic.

Dr. Jackson added that LCMC remains committed to recruiting exemplary professionals who believe in high quality care and patient satisfaction, and feels that Wilson will contribute significantly to these areas.

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RUIDOSO, NM - Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, is pleased to announce that Jennifer Wilson, PA-C, has joined the county-owned hospital's team of medical providers. Wilson started on Monday, June 20, 2011.

Wilson will be assisting Dr. Tom Lindsey with general surgery patients at both the Lincoln County Surgical Clinic and LCMC.

Wilson comes to LCMC from Glendale, Arizona. Wilson recently finished her clinical rotations prior to graduating with her master's degree in Physician Assistant practice. She is board certified.

"We're pleased that Jennifer has chosen to join our team of quality, dedicated providers at our Lincoln County Surgical Clinic. We feel she'll be an excellent fit on the medical staff,

while exceeding patient expectations in quality care and satisfaction," said Dr. Gary Jackson, LCMC Medical Director.

Wilson received her undergraduate degree in Physiology, with a minor in Chemistry, from the University of Arizona in Tucson in 2008. She received her master's degree in the Physician Assistant Program from the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque, New Mexico in April 2011.

During her clinical rotations at LCMC, Wilson completed her elective rotation in general surgery from January through April 2011. She was also a Research Assistant for a cardiothoracic surgeon at University Medical Center in Tucson as well as spending a summer as a Physical Therapist technician in Tucson and a Doctor's



LC Medical Center Hires Physical Therapist to Meet Patient Needs

RUIDOSO, NM - Lincoln County Medical Center, LCMC, is pleased to announce that Casey Kirkham, DPT has joined the Rehabilitation Services Department. Kirkham started on June 20, 2011.

Kirkham comes to LCMC from Nebraska where he has been a student Physical Therapist at the Omaha Veterans Affairs Medical Center while completing his Doctorate studies. While in his Bachelor's and Doctorate programs, Kirkham worked as a student Physical Therapist and Physical Therapy Aide seven different times in Nebraska and Utah.

Kirkham received his Bachelor's degree in Exercise Science from Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Utah in 2008. He graduated with his Doctorate of Physical Therapy from the Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska last month.

"The Rehab Services department now has four physical therapy providers; three physical therapists and a physical therapy assistant," said Patsy Parker, Director of Patient Care Services for LCMC.

"We are fully staffed to meet the needs and demands of those we serve in a timely manner including orthopaedic and sports-related rehabilitation," said Darnold. "Casey joins myself, John Kyale and Dennis Rich in the physical therapy modality and Carma Patterson and Kathleen Miller in the occupational modality. All of us are excited to provide quality rehabilitation services for Lincoln County residents," added Darnold.

Darnold said she is thankful for Lincoln County voter support of the Therapy Center. The facility is a 10,000 square-foot building with six private treatment rooms, a private wound care room, two private occupational therapy rooms and an approximate 1,800 square-foot state-of-the-art gym. The Therapy Center is open weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kirkham is married and he and his wife have two small children. He has volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America and is an Eagle Scout. Kirkham also completed a two-year church mission in September 2002.

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