

End of an Era, Stewart Resigns

by Patrice Brazie

After 13 years of heading up the staff and managing the business of Lincoln County, county manager Tom Stewart announced during the July 19th meeting of the board of county commissioners that he will be leaving his job before the end of the year.

After handing his letter of resignation to each of the commissioners, Stewart took the podium in the commissioners' chambers and read the letter aloud as follows:

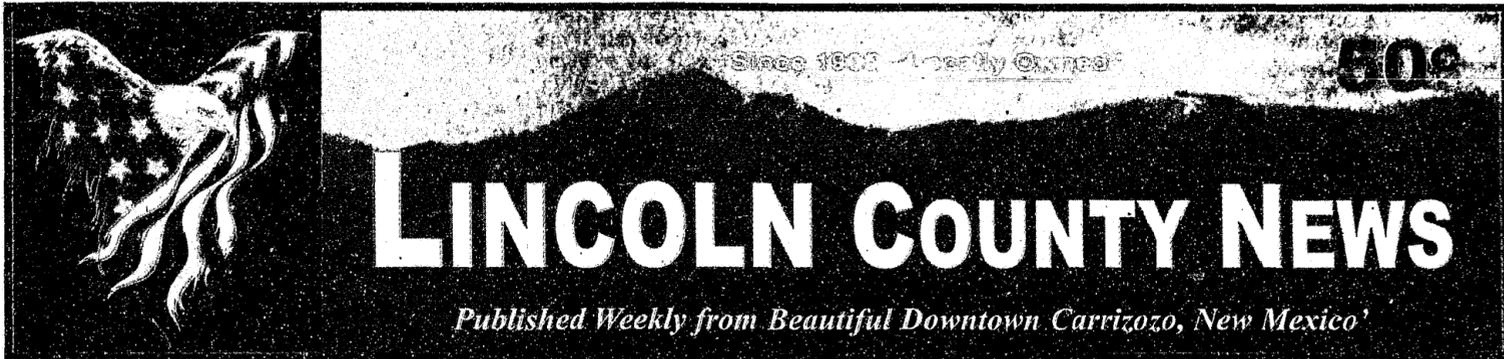
"The purpose of this letter is to notify the board of county commissioners of my intent to retire from my position as county manager prior to the end of this calendar

year. This decision is not an easy one, however, I believe it is time for me to pursue other endeavors and spend some quality time with my loving partner of 40 years, my wife Annette. It seems there comes a time in everyone's journey when change is needed, and I have reached that point. While I'm still healthy and able, I plan to explore a variety of

opportunities. I feel extremely satisfied knowing that I will leave the county in outstanding fiscal shape and with many a significant project completed in my 13 years as manager. I have valued and greatly appreciated working for the citizens of Lincoln County, with an outstanding staff and great elected officials.

In accordance with my con-

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Capitan Municipal Judge J.D. Roehing swears in new trustee Dennis Haskell at the Capitan village meeting July 12. Haskell made an unsuccessful bid for a trustee position in the 2010 municipal election. Haskell first came to Capitan in 2000 when he and his wife Judy purchased property. They came to the village full time in 2004. Haskell said he is retired from years as a race track director at three tracks in the mid-west, and from service on the Michigan State Racing Commission where he was an administrative law judge who policed paramutual racing. Haskell is a member of the Noon Lions Club in Ruidoso, and was active in the now defunct Capitan Chamber of Commerce. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

County Lodger's Tax Funding Policies Debated

by Patrice Brazie

Each month, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners reviews requests presented to the county's lodgers' tax committee and determines whether to approve the requests as submitted, to approve the award amounts recommended by the tax committee or to amend or deny the request.

In June, prior to discussing the specific requests for lodgers' tax funding from various organizers and promoters, county commissioner Mark Doth said he had some issues and observations to present.

"There are two presenters that I take real exception to," Doth began. "It's nothing per-

sonal against their publications, although I've had a track record with Trailer Life."

Doth acknowledged that he was in the advertising and marketing business himself, and said there had been a lot of "historical" discussion about who should participate in the Trailer Life Directory advertising and funding.

He said that True West Magazine, another publication requesting funding from the county, was a fine publication that he enjoyed reading, but said he had issues with the way in which requests for funding for advertising in that magazine were presented.

"I'm not saying

that we shouldn't be in there, but I really take exception to an ad (representative) that comes and makes a presentation to our lodgers' tax committee and they make the commitment to the ad rep," Doth said. "I think that's wrong. I think that, if a special event or an organization wants to participate with a publication, they should be making the presentation."

Doth said that he also objected to a member of the tax committee being contracted by the Village of Ruidoso while serving on the committee.

"The Trailer Life was supposedly a cooperative effort with the Village of Ruidoso

and yet I understand, from reviewing the minutes, a representative from the Village of Ruidoso was there and did not speak on behalf of this presentation," Doth said. "I also know that Mr. (Brad) Cooper works for the Village of Ruidoso contract, so I'm taking exception with him being on the lodgers' tax committee and having this very cozy relationship with this money that's going down and some of the approval. I don't notice that he's recused himself in the minutes from voting on these things," he said.

"I'm just saying that there's an appearance right now of some collusion. It doesn't sit well with me and I'm really not in favor of an ad rep making a presentation for their publication," Doth continued. "I just think that's the wrong thing to do."

Doth further stated his perception of what he described as some underlying tension among members of the tax committee when reviewing funding requests from the organizers of the annual Billy the Kid pageant in Lincoln.

"The Billy the Kid pageant has been, historically, one of the oldest events going on there, and I think we

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Capitan Village Trustees Welcome New Member

by Doris Cherry

Capitan trustees approved the appointment of Dennis Haskell to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James Davis effective June 30.

During the regular village meeting Tuesday, July 12, trustees accepted Davis' resignation, which Davis stated was due to his relocation to Las Cruces for family medical reasons.

Trustees then accepted Mayor Sam Hammons' appointment of Haskell.

There was no public advertisement of the vacancy, and at the meeting the mayor gave no background as to why he appointed Haskell.

Haskell made an unsuccessful bid for a trustee position in the last municipal election. He is a gem artist, and active in civic organizations.

THE NEWS contacted mayor Hammons who said he chose to appoint Haskell because Haskell had indicated interest in serving.

"It's hard to find someone who is interested," Hammons said. "And Dennis is retired and has the time."

Hammons said soon after the last municipal election he spoke with Haskell about serving on the board in the future. Hammons said he again spoke with Haskell after he learned that Davis was seeking to sell his home and relocate because of his wife's health issues.

Capitan Municipal Judge J.D. Roehing swore in Haskell immediately following the unanimous vote in favor of the appointment.

Haskell got down to business immediately, joining in the vote to accept a proposal from Martin Pillar, civil engineer, to review the preliminary subdivision proposal from Conquest Investments.

Hammons said the engineer and village attorney Zack Cooke will look over the drainage and other issues with the proposal subdivision on the east end of the village.

Hammons said the engineer review was required by order and that Conquest would pay for the engineer fees.

There was some confusion on what proposed subdivision was to be considered.

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Carrizozo Appoints Lucero New Trustee

by Patrice Brazie

Before addressing any other business during its regular meeting of July 18th, the Carrizozo Town Council voted to approve the appointment of Yovonne (Yo) Lucero as its newest trustee. Lucero has taken the council seat vacated by former trustee Timothy Thompson, following Thompson's resignation in late June.

Lucero said that she is a graduate of Hondo High School, holds a bachelor's degree from the University of New Mexico and is an occasional student at New Mexico State University. She worked as an employee of Lincoln County for about seven years, she said, and has been a resident of Carrizozo for four years.

Carrizozo's senior patrolman, police officer Steven Barnett, has been on duty for about a month and represented the Carrizozo Police Department at the council meeting. He briefed the public on recent activities of the department and touched on some plans for its future.

"We have two officers and we are progressing quite quickly with the Carrizozo Police Department," Barnett said. "In the last two weeks alone we

have had approximately 24 citations for different types of offenses; we've had three warrant arrests."

Among the recent police activities in Carrizozo, Barnett said, were responses to two burglaries, one involving a possible vehicle break-in and a report of a laptop computer missing from a residence.

Barnett said that he has been able to find a way to recover half of a funding grant that had been withdrawn due to inactivity at the police department for the past several months. The grant is for participation in a program called Operation Driving While Intoxicated (ODWI).

"It's a program that pays us money that does not come out of the coffers of the town," Barnett said. "We show citations, different offenses."

He said that, while the goal of the program is to find drunk drivers, the traffic stops prompted by suspicion of DWI can lead to the discovery of other offenses like human trafficking. He went on to report that the paperwork and procedures of the police department are currently being reviewed.

"We're trying to bring it up to the twenty-first century," Barnett said. "We're about to start remodel-



YOVONNE LUCERO
New Carrizozo
Trustee

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C'zozo Appoints Lucero . . .

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MONDAYS 2:00 p.m.
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--Capitan Public Library pre-school 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.

FRIDAYS
--Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo open 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. for come and go silent prayer, brown bag lunch optional.

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

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

MONDAY, JULY 25
--Federated Republican Women of Lincoln County meets at 11:30 a.m. at Ruidoso Senior Center. Speakers will be county commissioner Kathryn Minter and Kenneth Cramer, commander of the Lake County Narcotics unit. Bring a sack lunch and use side door. For information call 430-7258

TUESDAY, JULY 26
--Lincoln County Lodgers' Tax committee meeting cancelled.
--Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 28
--Free Carrizozo School sport physicals 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in old high school gym. Forms available at school administration office Monday through Thursday.

--Forest Service hosts fire/flood recovery and restoration workshop at Ruidoso Convention Center 2:00 - 4:30 p.m. and evening session 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Information posted at fs.usda.gov/r3

FRIDAY, JULY 29
--Jam Session, Corona Museum 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Come join in on the fun! Bring your own chair.

ing the police department, and I'm going to reinstitute the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program back in this community," Barnett said. "I did it for two years, then I had a break for two years when I wasn't (able) to do it. I just got back from a D.A.R.E. officers update class, the New Mexico D.A.R.E. Officers Association, and I was honored by being appointed the public information officer for the State of New Mexico for the next two years."

Barnett added that, because he was born and raised in Carrizozo, his parents and grandparents are from Carrizozo, and his wife and her parents are from Carrizozo as well, he was coming home in accepting the position with the Carrizozo Police Department.

Town clerk Leanne Weihbrecht, also asked to speak to the public.

"Because of the two officers that were hired, and hired before June 30th, mayor Vega saved the town \$40,000 from loss," the clerk said. "We were fixing to lose our law enforcement money, totally, without any officers, and I think that's an accomplishment."

Municipal Judge C. O. Rominger said that the court has implemented a procedure of notifying people with outstanding warrants that they stand to lose their driver's licenses if they fail to appear vol-

untarily. Rominger also commended the new police officers and mayor Vega for successful operation of the police department.

"I don't see the lack of a chief causing any problems at all," Rominger said, referring to the fact that the Carrizozo Town Council is continuing its months-long search for a police chief.

Vega told the judge to anticipate a number of citations for nuisance violations as the town's planning and zoning department addresses zoning issues and identifies properties that are in violation of

municipal codes.

"We're going to give the people the opportunity to write back to us and say 'yes, I'll hire a contractor' or 'go ahead and let the city do it and charge me', or whatever," Vega said. "We have that out so that we can start cleaning up the nuisance of the abandoned wreckages."

Trustee Chris Ventura told an audience member that the code enforcement would be applied evenly and fairly, in accordance with the law, to all of Carrizozo's citizenry without regard to who they are or how long they've lived there.

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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, February 1, 1958

Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

Our Trek to New Mexico and the Following Years

by **ETHEL KEATHLEY**
Capitan, New Mexico

(Continued from Last Week)

It is small wonder that Capitan is so proud of its present water, for water has always been a problem for the village. Now that we have decent water we want the world to know about it.

I remember that in 1904, and prior to that date, if you wanted to be married you didn't get a license as you do now. The couple looked up a preacher and went through the marriage ceremony. Then the preacher had their marriage recorded. I think the change came early in 1905.

When I was married in September of 1905, we waited for hours in old Lincoln for the county clerk to return from a Sunday morning walnut hunt. Once we procured the license, we figured we'd be married at once, but the justice of the peace had also gone walnut hunting and there was no preacher in Lincoln. Finally, the J.P. returned and we were married.

John M. Penfield was one witness and Beulah Gray, daughter of Seaborn T. and Sarah Gray, the other witness. Georgia Lesnett was also present at the wedding.

My brother had been coming into Capitan to work in his shoe shop and in the autumn of 1910 he and I moved into town. Not long after that I learned that Mrs. Seaborn T. Gray had a telephone exchange in her home. Exactly when telephones came to Capitan I'm not sure, but when Mrs. Gray moved away, Mrs. Clara Larsen took over.

Folks spoke of the exchange as "the telephone office," but it consisted of two wall sets -- one owned by the Mountain States Tel. and Tel. Co. and another set owned by the government. One wall switch, when thrown, connected Fort Stanton with the outside world. The Titsworth Company had a phone on the Fort Stanton line, also the railway company had one at the depot. If there were any others, I've forgotten.

In 1915 Mr. Larsen became very ill and as the ringing of the two phones bothered him, Mrs. Larsen gave them up. A friend recommended me as attendant, so I took over with the equipment described, working on a commission basis. How well do I remember what I earned as "hello girl" the first two months. For each of them as my commission I earned eleven dollars and thirty cents. But I had a baby son to support so I hung on.

When I left, I believe it was in 1926, there was a nice little 20-drop switchboard and tough I still worked on a commission basis, I had a few times earned as much as \$90 a month for my share. Now we have dial phones and no local operator at all. Times have changed.

Soon after we arrived in Capitan I became acquainted with George Dingwall and his brother. They were both employees at the Coalora Coal Company store. Talking with these boys (they were boys then) I learned they had come from an adjoining county to ours in Texas: Theirs was Comanche County.

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Capitan Village Trustees Welcome . . .

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Trustee Diane Riska asked if it was the 21 acres the village already annexed, or some other tract of land. Hammons and village clerk Kay Strickland said the review will be of the "commercial" area south of Salado Creek.

(Editor's note: There are no tracts within Capitan that are officially considered commercial, because the village does not have zoning that designates such usage.)

During the public comment portion of the meeting -- held at the first and the only time when questions and comments are accepted from the public -- resident Jean Coulton asked about Pillar's experience.

Hammons and Strickland said Pillar had more than 12 years experience as a professional civil engineer and had previously worked for the City of Las Cruces.

Coulton further questioned what property would be reviewed and when the next village planning meeting concerning the proposed subdivision would be held.

Hammons said the engineer review would be for the entire proposed "Capitan Trading Post" subdivision, including the area north of Salado Creek.

And the next planning meeting to consider the Conquest request would be held as soon as the attorney and engineer had completed their reviews, Hammons said.

Trustee Ricky LaMay said the village will have to pay for the engineer fees to review the proposed streets, drainage and sewer, which Conquest will reimburse. "They were close (the bids) but he (Pillar) was the only one willing to come here," LaMay said.

Trustee Diane Riska said the engineer needs to be present, and she made the motion to accept Pillar.

THE NEWS, during the executive session, asked Strickland whether the village had advertised for proposals for an engineer.

Strickland said that because the fee would be below \$20,000 all that was needed were informal quotes.

Melissa Graham of Conquest Investments, told **THE NEWS** that the village got three bids.

Hammons told **THE NEWS** that the engineer review is required by the village subdivision ordinance.

Trustees unanimously approved a res-

olution opposing the proposed Pueblo of Jemez Casino project and transfer of 70.277 acres in Anthony, New Mexico.

Hammons said the Lincoln County casinos "are fighting this hard."

"In my opinion we have too many casinos in New Mexico; more than Texas can support," Hammons commented.

Hammons will represent the village as voting delegate and trustee Riska as alternate to the New Mexico Municipal League meeting to be held in Roswell Aug. 31 - Sept. 2, upon unanimous approval by trustees.

A change in the contract with Plateau wireless for lease of the village land where the Plateau tower is located (off Lobo in the Mesa Verde Subdivision) will have to wait for attorney review before trustees give their approval.

Hammons said Plateau is requesting to add two clauses to the existing contract that would allow the company to add more cell phone carriers such as Verizon and AT&T.

Hammons said Cooke had reviewed the proposed changes.

"We're concerned we don't want more cell towers," Hammons added.

However, if Plateau adds two more carriers on the existing tower, the village lease would increase accordingly. Currently, Plateau pays the village \$2,400 a year for the lease of the land on which the tower sits.

Hammons said he spoke with the Plateau representative who said that everything in the contract was subject to the village approval.

After considering how to assure village approval Riska suggested they wait until Cooke could

review the proposed contract changes. (Cooke was not present at the meeting.)

"I don't want anymore cell phone problems," Riska said. "They took advantage of us, big time."

Trustees voted to table the proposed contract changes until Cooke was present.

Tuesday, July 19, trustees will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. to approve the final 2011-2012 fiscal year budget.

Finance officer Shirley Pavlovic reported that the NM Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) had approved the village's interim bud-

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Physical Therapist Joins LCMC Rehabilitation Services Department

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) is pleased to welcome Casey Kirkham, DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy), to our Rehabilitation Services Department. Casey joins three other physical therapy practitioners who together will provide a wide range of rehabilitation services -- including specialized treatments for sports and orthopedics -- to Lincoln County residents and visitors.

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

Nuisance Surveys

There are some things that are annoying but one of the most annoying is when you are at rest and the phone rings. You might expect some type of important news when instead you are greeted by a voice saying that this is a survey. The voice is unfamiliar. If you stay on the line you will be asked to respond by pushing the buttons on the phone. The recording will reask questions until the desired result is obtained for the survey.

Regarding the results, the recording only wants specific answers because those are the answers needed to compile national figures. This week a survey asked if we get our news from TV or the Internet. The only honest answer was that we attend meetings. There was a quick hang up by the recording voice on the pseudo survey.

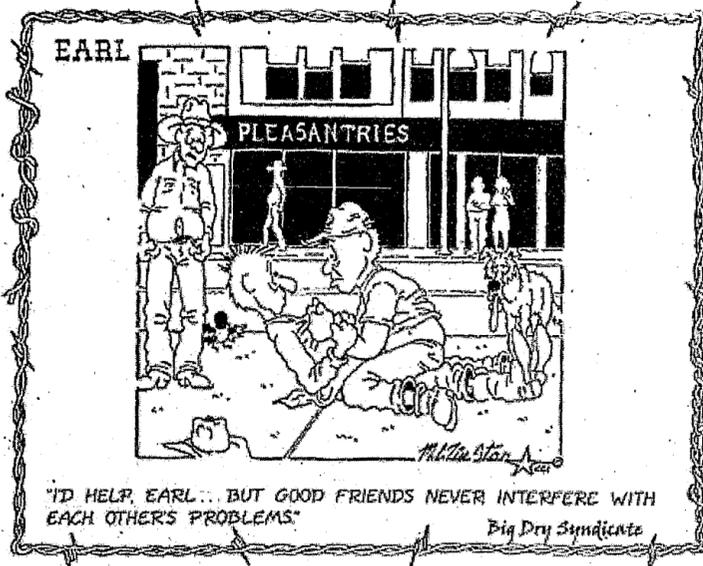
Of course you can speak, but with no one on the line, the recording merely continues asking questions. Expect more pseudo surveys as the national fiscal situation contains more threats.

Unless you are far from society, you must be aware that the latest threats are to cut the most necessary of services such as Medicare. Next on the agenda will probably be building Poor Houses for needy recipients to survive, not live in. That is if they will even do that. Maybe they will start with the ovens to remove the rabble from the earth.

But before you distinguish between who is and who isn't an enemy, remember that Hitler was a popular figure before the eradication began of one segment of the population. That appears to be happening once again at our national level.

Listening to the people who interpret what actions are being taken by federal officials is not factual. Some analysts tend to twist words in an effort to make some solutions appear worse than they actually are. Others try to give the impression that all is well in the land of make believe, known as Washington, D.C. And meanwhile back at home elderly and disabled people are in limbo awaiting the inevitable trip to the gas chambers.

Evidently you may probably consider this as a hoax, but remember the people who really believed Hitler was doing what was best for the populace. That could be what is happening now. And your only recourse is to ignore the annoying phone surveys and start packing for that one way trip that federal officials are planning for you.



WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The high pressure system that has been sitting over northeast New Mexico has finally moved out to the east, giving Lincoln County a much better chance for showers and thunderstorms.

With the increased chance for showers and thunderstorms comes an increased chance for flooding across the White and Donaldson fire areas. Be careful crossing arroyos and low lying areas during times following the storms at higher elevations.

The forecast for the upcoming week is for daily and nightly showers and thunderstorms. Expect to see daytime temperatures from the mid 80s to mid 90s, and nighttime temperatures from the high 50s to mid 60s.

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

Today, Thursday, July 21

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 95, calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65, south wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, July 22

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 93, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Saturday, July 23

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 92, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Sunday, July 24

A good chance of

* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Is one of the few documents involving the world's best-known New Mexican in serious danger?

Yes, we're talking about Billy the Kid. Had Bill Richardson become president, or if Susana Martinez does, perhaps that changes. But until then, The Kid is still on top.

No one may ever have as many books written about him or movies made about him as Billy. From the rankings I have seen, Smokey Bear comes in second.

What's unfortunate about Billy the Kid's life is that there are precious few vestiges of what he was really like. Despite all the books and movies, almost nothing tangible has survived. Billy traveled light, might we say. He didn't have a place to keep his stuff.

By far the best evidence we have about the real Kid is the letters he wrote Gov. Lew Wallace. Wallace carefully saved all those letters and they remained in his collection, at the Indiana Historical Society, in Indianapolis.

In the 1980s, great-grandson William N. Wallace provided two of Billy's 9 known letters to the Lincoln County Heritage Trust. Subsequently, the holdings of that trust became the property of the Hubbard Museum of the American West.

Later, that museum was taken over by the state. At that time, the letters were in a safe in Ruidoso. Concerned about conservation of the letters, author/historian Dr. Gale Cooper and others urged they be transferred to the Fray Angelico Chavez History Library in Santa Fe.

The transfer was accomplished in August 2009 and the letters, in good condition, went on display then safe archiving amid front-page articles calling them an absolute treasure.

And they are just that. Up to that time, historians seemed to be the only people who did not regard the Kid as just an illiterate thug. The letters cast an entirely new light on Billy. He was obviously articulate, intelligent, polite and well-schooled in penmanship.

The most famous of the letters, written in 1879, was Billy's first correspondence to Gov. Wallace. In it, he sets up the deal in which he would testify in a murder case involving the Lincoln County War aftermath in return for the state dropping charges against him for murder indictments from that war.

But trouble struck that famous letter. While researching her next book on Billy's writings, Cooper learned it had been put on "indefinite display" since last March. And now,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Letters must be signed by the writer with the author's full name, address and telephone number. Only the writer's name and city of residence will be published (exception sometimes apply).

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

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Letter to the Editor

EDITOR -- I thought long and hard before writing this letter. I have no desire to make a bad situation worse, but I felt that I needed to share my thoughts and feelings about the shooting accident. As a mother, I am very angry over what happened to my sons. I keep thinking that this whole thing would be easier if there was someone to be mad at or someone that could pay for the hell that my family has been through. But, the reality is, there isn't anyone to blame. It was an unfortunate accident. I know the young man did not intend to hurt anyone. He is a good kid and a very responsible one. My husband and I have always thought very highly of him and this incident hasn't changed that.

We have been very moved by and appreciative of the support that we have received from the people in Carrizozo. The only thing we could ask for is that all of you would show the same support to the other family. Their son is going through a very difficult time. He knows he made a mistake. He now understands how one moment of carelessness can affect those around him. His wounds are in a way worse than our sons'. They are wounds of the heart and soul caused by the guilt for the harm he may have caused to someone he cares about. They wounds aren't going to be easily healed or fixed. What he needs now is compassion, support, and understanding.

In the end, I wrote this letter to publicly express my forgiveness to the young man. If my husband and I can forgive him for the mistake he made, I think at the least the rest of you can do is try to show a little compassion for this person. This incident should be used as an opportunity to come together as a town and support our children, all of our children, even the ones that make mistakes. He will probably have to face consequences for this accident, but he shouldn't have to face condemnation or anger from anyone.

Jenny Ventura
Carrizozo, NM

When You Have the Means

In a little less than three weeks the summer will be over for most children k-12 and the new school year will have begun.

Lots of 'stuff' to pore over and many subjects that can keep someone busy for the next nine months or so. Some activity going on over at the local school campus, still. With gravel being spread over the area that houses the solar panels; although project has been moving pretty snail-like, it might be finished before the new school year begins!

One positive thing to report on the upgrading of the school campus, is that the pile of dirt that adorned the north end of the campus is no more. Although there has been no official word received, some sightings indicate that the same pile of dirt has multiplied and has just been moved to the south end of the school campus, oh well, an upgrade is an upgrade -- (see photo on page 7). Hopefully, a good week or two of high winds should help alleviate the upgrade. Hopefully, the plumbing, heating and lighting problems will be addressed sometime soon.

Carrizozo will be starting the year with approximately 130 students, give or take a few -- compared to 176 last year (give or take another few), the year prior to that the count was approximately 230. That's close to 100 fewer students than just two years ago (give or take a few again). And yet, the number of administrators has increased during that time and the budget has been extended to its present condition. Where is the common sense here? On top of that the above mentioned salary schedule did not even include the 'increment' bonuses or extra monies being added to the regular salaries. In theory a salary of say \$48,00 suddenly becomes \$58,000.

Keep hearing that some school instructors do not plan on returning for the upcoming

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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

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Capitan's Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 2, 2011, at 5:30 PM at Village Hall regarding Conquest Investments' Preliminary Plat of the Capitan Trading Post Subdivision.

All interested persons shall have three (3) minutes to submit data and comments orally or in writing and examine witnesses testifying at the hearing.

Interested persons may view and obtain copies of the preliminary plat and comments from the Village Clerk at Village Hall. A fee will be charged for all copies.

Kay Strickland CMC
Village Clerk

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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:

Beginning at the 1/4 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@littledrانتel.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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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the governing body of the Village of Capitan will consider for adoption at its regular meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 6:30 PM at the Village Hall, ordinances for:

Ordinance 2011-_____ Amending Title 11 - (Subdivision Regulations), Chapter 1 - (General Provisions) - Section 11-1-9 - (Considerations for Subdivision Platting) Item #5A to read... Lots in any subdivision or replat that have access to village sewer and water shall be no less than 1/2 acre minimum. Any lot that does not have access to village sewer and water shall be a minimum of two acres. The developer will provide the infrastructure.

Ordinance 2011-_____ Amending the New Mexico Uniform Traffic Ordinance - Change of the Cover Page for 2011 and a word change in Article I (Section 12-1-2.1) replacing the words "parking space" with "access aisle" in that one section.

The proposed ordinances are available for review at Village Hall.

Kay Strickland, CMC
Village Clerk

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1. Ordinance 2011-_____ To amend Ordinance 2010-07 - An Ordinance Consenting to Landowner's Petition for Annexation into the Village of Capitan, New Mexico, Certain Contiguous Lands As Shown By Map Thereof, Attached to this Ordinance and Referred to as Exhibit "A", Said Property Being Annexed Hereinafter More Particularly Described. The purpose of amending the ordinance will be for consideration of changing the Exhibit "A" and possibly the size of the annexed property.

A copy of the ordinance will be available at Village Hall

Kay Strickland, CMC
Village Clerk

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Capitan Village Trustees . . .

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et, with only minor corrections.

The final budget will include all final figures from the fourth quarter of the last fiscal year which ended June 30.

Trustees approved the resolution that requests authorization and approval from DFA for the village to close its account at City Bank for the Emergency Watershed Protection Projects, and transfer the remaining \$275.68 plus interest into the village Water Fund bank account. The project was the flood control and tree removal project on Salado Creek east of Highway 247.

During the comment period, a question was asked about the alternative trails project, which was the subject of a special meeting on June 30.

Hammons said trustees at the special meeting had rejected bids for the chip seal and base course of the trails, because street supervisor Jonathan LaMay explained that the NM Dept of Transportation would lay the chip seal and base course if the village provided base course.

Also at the special meeting, trustees approved a one time expenditure of \$75,000 to complete the trail. Hammons said if the project had not been completed, the village would have had to pay the state back the \$176,000 grant.

After executive session to discuss limited personnel, water department, trustees voted to accept the evaluation of employee Steve Sanchez.

Haskell made the motion to adjourn, which trustees unanimously accepted.

When You Have the Means . . .

year. Wonder why? Like I said before the top-part of the salary list is top heavy, and if I was on the bottom part of that salary list, and I got a better offer, I'd be heading for greener pastures too. Too bad we're losing some of our better teachers because someone else is taking a bigger slice of the pie than necessary.

But, what are we to do, all of this is being approved by a school board of education that allows all of this to happen and lets this school to be run with an 'open checkbook' policy as previously mentioned, with no idea of where the next dollar is coming from.

Heard recently that another school down south that had decided to also go to the "four-day week" was asking tax payers for additional donations to keep that school going. What a waste of good hard earned money, especially with the way the students are being short-changed.

The present school board is composed of five members, well actually four, because when you get outvoted 4 to 1 most of the time there is little the fifth member can do. More, much more, next week and the week after that, God willing . . . oops! It should be an interesting year.

peter aguilar

**PLEASE
BE
CAREFUL
WITH
FIRES.**

THINK RAIN!

Stewart Resigns . . .

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tract, I am providing the minimum two-month notice. I intend for my last day with the county to be negotiable, based upon the desires of the board of county commissioners, but not later than December 23, 2011. I would like to suggest I accomplish the following before I depart: first, properly complete the Capitan Clinic CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) project, Deer Park Special Assessment District and detention renovation; complete the county's ICIP (Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan) which is due the end of September; complete the annual audits... due November 15, 2011; and assist administratively the board of county commissioners to select a new manager, with an appropriate report date for a small amount of overlap.

In accordance with our personnel policy, I would like to either expend or be paid for approximately 35 days of vacation and personal leave time. I hope to make the county's transition to a new manager a smooth one, with no disruptions to operations. I appreciate the opportunity given me by all past and current county commissioners and the citizens of the County of Lincoln. Respectfully submitted, Thomas S. Stewart"

Along with his letter of intent to resign, Stewart provided the county commissioners with a draft advertisement for a candidate to replace him and a probable timeline for the transition to new management.

Because Stewart presented the letter during the public comment portion of Tuesday's meeting and not as an agenda item, the board of commissioners could take no action regarding acceptance of the resignation.

Have A Good Day!

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

The next young man I met was Bert Provine. It so happened we met the same day that he began to work for Mr. George Titsworth. He continued to work for the Titsworth Company to the end of his life.

That year I met the Copeland brothers, Will and John; also Charlie Coe and several other young men who were employed at Fort Stanton.

Coming back to Capitan and its description, as I remember there was one home under the hill and on the north side of the creek (the Will Reily home, now owned by Mrs. Maud Clark) and one home on top the hill is where Mrs. Newt Kemp lived for several years before her death. In those days Capitan had a daily train.

Capitan had coal oil lights when I first saw the town and I don't know exactly when the electric plant was acquired. I left in 1926 (I think) and returned in 1932. Capitan has had electricity ever since then. For a while the plant was local. I've left several times, but I've always come back. It seemed that the pastures elsewhere were never quite so green as in little Capitan.

Capitan had a good school building, adequate for its needs for a good many years. In fact, for a long time the school used only the east half of the downstairs section. The west half was used as a church, but, sad to relate, we were minus a preacher most of the time.

However, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher (Carl Fisher's mother) were faithful. She superintended a Sunday School for a good many years and she'd play the organ and get whoever she could to lead the singing. Sometimes a preacher would drop around and we'd have a sermon, or maybe even a series of services.

The schoolhouse was the community center really as I have said. The children attended school there, we went there to church (when there was any) and the upstairs part had a use also. The west half was rented as a lodge hall and the east half of the upstairs was used for dances, political meetings and what have you. Oh, the old grade school building was used in a most versatile way.

Though Capitan had a place of worship, Coalora did not. Neither did they have a school. But they had a dance hall and sometimes a roaming preacher would hold a service in the dance hall. One time the preacher failed.

He started services, when in came the music and they began to set up for a dance, so the church people retired and the dance went on.

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County Lodger's Tax Funding . . .

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should help them in any way possible, yet when they make presentations to this lodgers' tax committee, it just seems to be that there is some pettiness or some underlying tension going on. One of our lodgers' tax committee members also requested funding from the (committee), \$5,000, and he's a consultant for Fort Stanton," Doth said.

"I start looking at this thing and it gets real convoluted real quick. I just wanted to bring that to everyone's attention. I just feel real uncomfortable with some of the things that are going down there," he said.

County commissioner Kathryn Minter said she agreed with Doth in that the funding requests coming from advertisers are a reversal of normal procedure.

"Usually, if you wanted to advertise, you would approach them," Minter said.

Doth said that, at one time, there had been a lot of discussion about area trailer and recreational vehicle parks using county lodgers' tax funds to advertise without contributing to the cost of their own promotions.

He said that, although those facilities contribute to the fund when they accommodate short-term visitors, long-term summer rentals are not taxed for lodgers' tax funds.

A lot of the people that stay in the RV parks come for the whole summer, he said.

He suggested that lodgers' tax funds should be saved for special events that draw tourists to the area and not for the promotion of individual lodgers' facilities.

County commissioner Tom Battin said that he had a tendency to rely on the recommendations of the tax committee, and added that the lodgers must be pleased with the way the funds are being spent because he doesn't hear any complaints.

He also opined that an advertising representative might be the best candidate to present a funding request, because they could answer questions about distribution and readership demographics.

County commission chair Eileen Sedillo suggested that the publication representatives be informed that, after this year, lodgers' tax funding requests will have to come from someone representing the local company or organization desiring to advertise.

"The next thing that we need to do is to inform the committee that if they have any interest whatsoever in anybody that comes before the committee, they need to recuse themselves," Sedillo said.

Battin made a motion to approve the requests for funding from the Trailer Life Directory and True West Magazine, with the contingency that there is some proof of interest from the participating lodging establishments presented with the request in future years, then withdrew the motion.

Sedillo recommended notifying the representatives of the two publications that

they will no longer be allowed to present funding requests; the requests must come from a local representative of the entity desiring to place an ad in the publication.

Doth said that he wanted the county to make it policy to require local representation for any request for lodgers' tax funding.

County attorney Alan Morel said that incorporating a new policy might require a revision of the county's lodgers' tax ordinance.

"It certainly could be done through a letter, but I don't know how you'd enforce it if it's not in an ordinance," Morel said.

J u d y Fitzpatrick, a Carrizozo resident and one who had submitted a request for lodgers tax funding for a White Oaks tourism brochure, said that she attended the lodgers' tax committee meeting during which the Trailer Life Directory and True West Magazine requests were presented.

"I was at that meeting until my portion was completed, and (Cooper) did recuse himself," Fitzpatrick said. "But he was also taking minutes and participating in the conversation, which I've done before and forgot to put that in the minutes. It causes all kinds of problems, but I'm pretty sure he said 'no, I'm too involved in this'."

After Sedillo questioned the submission of three funding requests from three dif-

ferent organizations for what is essentially one event, Old Lincoln Days and the Billy the

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ESTATE AUCTION
SAT., JULY 23, 2011
BIG BLUE AUCTION HOUSE
10:09 AM
500 Central Carrizozo, N.M.

Over 600 items to be sold to the highest bidder from Estates, Private Collections and Retiring Dealers & consignments from 7 states (3 items have min. bids).

Old West - 1851 Colt .36 cal. Navy Revolver, 1892 Winchester 38 WFC cal. Rifle w/24" Barrel, 2 Shotguns and 2 other pistols, Bowie Knives and Daggers, 1920 U.S. Cavalry Officer's Saddle and Saddle Bags, 2 Pair Batwing Chaps, Sword and more Misc. items: 178 Pcs. Indian Items - S.S. & Turquoise Jewelry- Indian Pottery- Beaded Knife Sheath, Bonnet Case, Moccasins & 2 Cradle Fetishes- 3 Fine Baskets- War Club, Tomahawk & Knife-Sioux Flute- Quill work- Arrowheads and many other unique items: 70 Pcs. Sterling Indian & Antique Jewelry - 3 antique Concho Belts, Rings, Bracelets, & Necklaces- 31 pcs. Oriental Antiques- Bronze, Wood, Porcelain & Jade; 32 Pcs. U.S. Coins & Misc. Gold & Silver- 10K Gold Match Safe, Sm. Boxes, Spoon, Silver Dollars & other Coins- 25 Pcs Antique Furniture & Wood Items - High Chair, Stroller, New Mex. Yarn Winders, Shaving Stands, WPA Bed, Hall Tree & Shelf and More Misc. Glassware & China, Moose Antlers, Badges, Toys & Tokens, Books, Plus Much More.

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County Approves Redistricting Plans

by Patrice Brazie

During the June regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, county clerk Rhonda Burrows updated the board on efforts to adjust the county's voting district boundaries, as is required to be done every 10 years following completion of the national population census.

"As part of the redistricting process, we're in a particular step right now where we have been requested by the Secretary of State to approve the precincts that we wish to go forward with," Burrows said.

She reported that a consideration to split the county's third precinct had not been well-received by residents and added that she wasn't in favor of the proposal either.

"Research and Polling, which has the state contract to develop the proposed precincts, gave us an additional opportunity to comment on any changes after the census data was released," Burrows said. "After the census data was released, we realized that we only had 45 actual residents (in Precinct 3), that's residents, not (necessarily) voters within that area. I recommended that we did not make that split," she added.

Burrows said that the only significant change to the districts in Lincoln County would

likely be to Precinct 11, which is in Ruidoso Downs and part of county commissioner Jackie Powell's district.

"When we had the census data released, we found that that precinct had the highest population of any precinct that we had in the county, 3,000-plus people," Burrows said. "In doing some preliminary analysis for our own districting, the redistricting of commission districts that is the responsibility of the county, I found that it would be beneficial to split that district so that it gives us more flexibility in creating those commission districts," she said. "I made that recommendation after a discussion with Mr. Sharp at Research and Polling because he has the many multi-layers which he can look at, like what's the population, what's the census data, et cetera, et cetera."

Burrows said that, after her discussion with Sharp, the determination was made to rec-

ommend a split of Precinct 11.

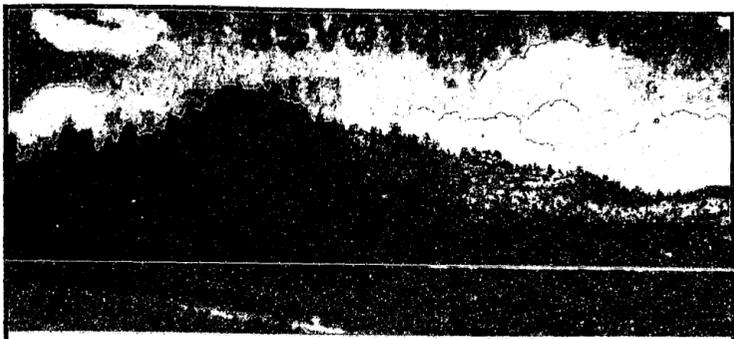
"It was sort of difficult because we didn't have many particular devices to split that precinct," Burrows said. "The state statute is very clear about what you can use, specific roads, ridge lines, school district boundaries, et cetera, so what we used was the forest service road, essentially."

What is currently Precinct 11 would become Precinct 11 and Precinct 18 after the redistricting, she explained. If any substantial impediments to the redistricting as proposed are discovered, the plan could be changed again, but Burrows said that she did not anticipate any problems arising.

She reminded the county commissioners that redistricting did pose a problem after the 2000 census, when a county commissioner was displaced by the new district boundary lines.

"I think that

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The unique photograph was taken by a 'News' reader and wanted to share it with us. He explains the setting for the photo thusly -- "We were on our way to Pagosa Springs and there are many beautiful vistas in and around Bernalillo, Cuba and Dulce (on/near the Jicarilla Apache Reservation.) I just liked this view of the mountain and sky near Cuba." Thanks for the photo Andre (Aguilar), it is indeed a beautiful setting. We would like to encourage any of our readers and/or friends to share their camera experiences with us. You can send your photos to j.p.aguilar44@hotmail.com

Inside the Capitol

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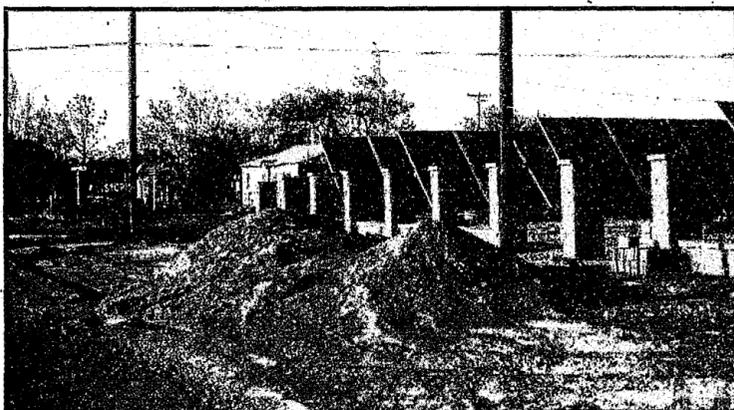
Cooper claims it is seriously deteriorating after light exposure for months longer than federal guidelines for paper documents allow. She says it should be taken off display. Museum staff are taking their time.

Cooper says professionals can make exact copies of the letters to put on display, while the originals are preserved in temperature and humidity-controlled darkness. She has offered to pay for the foremost paper conservator in the United States to perform repairs on the original.

She says the museum has refused her offer. She is now getting the Library of Congress and the National Archives involved in the dispute.

The March 1879 letter, Cooper says is the most important of Billy's letters to Wallace, and arguably a national treasure. And it is now in danger of being lost to future generations of aficionados.

And as we know from her eight years of fighting the Billy the Kid Case hoax, she does not give up.



NEW ADDITION TO THE Carrizozo schools campus beautification project are these (two) piles of dirt, which will be replacing the (one) pile of dirt that adorned the north end of the campus for most of last school year. Looks like the project of spreading colored gravel over the solar panel area is close to being completed after 'several' weeks. We'll get an update on the stature of these two beauties and see if they can survive the hot summer and the cold winter months yet to come. (Courtesy photo)

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We would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers during our time of need. It meant a lot to us that there were so many people willing to help. Words cannot really express the depth of our gratitude. We thank God that all of our prayers were answered and both our sons are ok.

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The Ventura Family

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County Lodger's Tax Funding . . .

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Kid pageant, county commissioner Jackie Powell said that the three organizations, Partners in Preservation, Lincoln State Monument and the Lincoln Pageant and Festival Corporation, each perform different functions associated with the event.

Sedillo recommended that the three entities be asked to combine funding requests and present one submission for a total amount in future years, in order to eliminate confusion about funding for the event.

Minter said that the recommendation to combine efforts was given to the three organizations last year and they didn't comply. She

recommended reducing the funding awards for all three beyond the reductions already recommended by the tax committee.

"If you keep letting them off the hook, Madam Chair, they're never going to change," Minter said. "These definitely need to work together."

The county commissioners approved awards of \$1,280 for the Trailer Life Directory, \$2,300 for True West Magazine, \$1,166.66 for the White Oaks tourism brochure, \$2,300 for rack cards in a funding cooperative with the Village of Ruidoso, \$4,500 for Old Lincoln Days promotions as well as \$1,930 for portable toilet facilities during the event and \$5,000 for the Last Escape of Billy the Kid Pageant in Lincoln. Minter cast the only "no" votes, one against the \$4,500 award and one against the \$5,000 award.

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we've been proactive enough, and gotten ahead of this enough, that I don't think we'll have those problems this year," Burrows said.

She said that she expressed to the demographer the importance of trying to maintain the districts as they are now as closely as possible.

"We've had good representation of our county historically, and of all communities," Burrows said. "We don't seem to disenfranchise any particular individuals. I think that our

current districts will be a role model for future districts, but as to what exact precincts might lie within those, I couldn't say."

Redistricting should be completed by mid-September, and maps showing the district boundaries will be made available to the public, Burrows said.

The board of county commissioners adopted a resolution approving proposed district boundary adjustments.

Weather Report . . .

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showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 92, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Monday, July 25

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 92, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Tuesday, July 26

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 91, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, the northwest face of the Sacramento mountain range, Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, July 21

A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 84, west wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59, south wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, July 22

A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 82, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Saturday, July 23

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high

near 81, night: A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

Sunday, July 24

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 81, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59.

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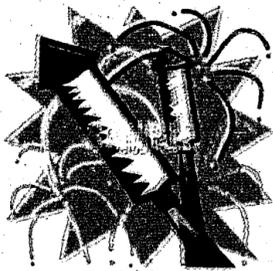
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