

# Commissioners Prepare for New Management

by Patrice Brazie

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting in Ruidoso on July 28th. Among the agenda items was the formal acceptance of county manager Tom Stewart's resignation, which he presented to the board during its regular July 19th meeting.

County commissioner Kathryn Minter made a motion to accept Stewart's resignation, but no other commissioner offered to second that motion.

"Motion failed for lack of a second," county attorney Alan Morel announced. "Sorry, dude."

Morel's comment drew a round of laughter and

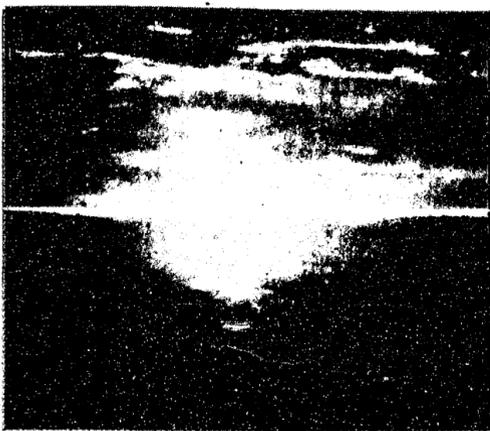
prompted Stewart to say he appreciated the thought.

"But I'm still leaving," Stewart said.

He's reached retirement age after 13 years as county manager and a former military career, and wants to spend more time with his wife.

County commissioner Tom Battin restated the motion

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# County and Municipalities Prepare for Run-Off

by Patrice Brazie

Dave Warnack, Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear District Ranger, appeared before the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners during its July 19th regular meeting to offer an update on recovery efforts following the White Fire.

"I'm sure people have seen the helicopters that are doing aerial mulching over the burned area," Warnack said. "We're putting approximately 36,000 tons of straw on an area that was previously seeded, with the hopes that that straw will provide some cover for the seeds to germinate. All earth work, including the holding tanks expansions, culverts, roads and check-downs will be completed by July 1st," he continued. "We're currently falling hazard trees along Road 120A and Road 120B. Our partners in this effort, including the NRCS, Lincoln County, the City of Ruidoso Downs and others, are implementing actions on non-forest-service land. In Ruidoso Downs, it's really looking a lot better," Warnack said.

In a cooperative effort with the partners mentioned, as well as the New Mexico Department of Transportation, jersey barriers have been placed in crucial locations and workers have a sandbag machine available.

"I just want to say that it was really fortunate that we had those helicopters here last week. We had the Swallow Fire on Thursday; It was a really fast moving, 10 acre fire that destroyed nine homes," Warnack continued. "We were able to divert the helicopters from the White Fire to support that fire. The seed planes were also invaluable in that effort and I would just like to publicly commend my fire management officer, Sean Stafford, for initially attacking that fire and being the incident commander for that fire in the early stages. I think he did an outstanding job of coordinating county, municipal and forest resources in that effort, and I thank him" he said,

adding that responders from the Bureau of Land Management and the Mescalero Apache Reservation also assisted in fighting the fire.

County commissioner chair Eileen Lovelace offered a comment regarding the

cooperative of firefighters from the area.

"I wondered about who all was helping because, from of all the reports I was hearing, Ruidoso was doing everything and no one else was involved," Sedillo said. "I thought

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# Capitan Students Back to School August 17th

by Doris Cherry

Capitan Students Back to School Aug. 17 School starts for students in Capitan on Thursday, August 17.

Pre-registration will take place the second week of August. For times call the individual school office needed. School numbers are high school 354-8503, middle school 354-8502 and elementary school 354-8501.

An all district open house is set for 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15 with all the school buildings open to the public. Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend to meet staff and to familiarize students with the facilities.

The first holiday for the year is Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

Football season begins on Aug. 19 with a scrimmage in Tularosa. The first home game is with Fort Sumner with kick off at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9.

Volleyball season begins Aug. 19 with a scrimmage in Dexter. The first home match is on Aug. 25 against Dexter. Play begins at 4 p.m. for JV and 5:30 p.m. for varsity. Capitan volleyball teams play Carrizozo on Sept. 8 in Carrizozo. Capitan Classic is set for Sept. 23-24.

For more information on staff, athletics, or for the 2011-2012 school year calendar, go to the school website at [www.capitanmunicipalschools.org](http://www.capitanmunicipalschools.org).



MAGISTRATE JUDGE MARTHA M. PROCTOR administers the oath of office to Stirling Spencer, newly appointed Lincoln County Probate Judge. Spencer has previously served as probate judge and was selected by the Lincoln County Commission from a slate of 10 candidates following the resignation of former probate judge Carrie Spencer. Participating in the swearing in ceremony in the Magistrate Judge chamber on August 1 was Stephanie Sugg, niece of Spencer, holding the bible. Her husband is assistant district attorney John Sugg of Bernalillo County. The bible used for the ceremony had been owned by Lois Homans and is dated February 27, 1896. The bible is now owned by Magistrate Judge Martha Proctor and has been used in swearing in ceremonies for state officials. (Courtesy Photo)

# C'zozo 4-Day School Week Starts Wednesday, Aug. 10

by Patrice Brazie

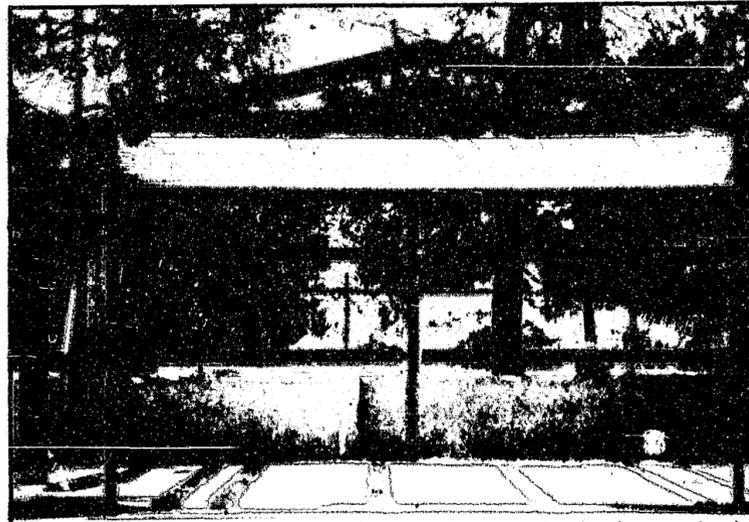
The 2011-2012 school year begins on Wednesday, August 10th in the Corona school district, and in Carrizozo on August 10th for students in grades 7 through 12. Kindergarten through 6th grade students will begin their classes one week later on Wednesday, August 17th. In each case, students will attend classes on Wednesday and Thursday of the first week, with no classes on Fridays, then return on the following Monday for the first full, four-day-week of school beginning on either August 15th or 27th depending on the grade level.

This marks the first semester of school under the recently adopted four-day-week schedule,

a schedule that is not new to schools in the rural parts of the west and that is becoming more common in New Mexico school districts. Carrizozo is just one of the Lincoln County school districts implementing the shortened school week, following in the footsteps of Capitan, Corona and Hondo. In almost every case across the country, operational costs have been cited as the primary motive behind the shortened school week. Meanwhile, New Mexico schools continue to rank among the worst in the country as far as drop-out numbers and test scores are concerned.

The trend to limit public education classes to four-days-per-week was reportedly being considered by at least one out of every

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NOT TO BE! -- The beginnings of this structure on the Carrizozo school campus, with steel beams and concrete slab already in place, has been red-tagged and will eventually have to be torn down and if redone will have to be placed somewhere else. (Courtesy photo)



The Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger Districts are now open with the following fire restrictions:

No open fires, campfires or stovefires, including charcoal; Smoking limited to enclosed vehicle or smoking approved building; No welding or acetylene torches with open flame; Internal or external combustion engines must have approved spark arrester; No chainsaw use between 10 a.m. and midnight. No fireworks. Fire restrictions in Lincoln County, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs remain the same, with gas grills allowed in certain locations in Ruidoso.

# Lincoln County Calendar of Events

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

**TUESDAYS**  
--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 2:00 p.m.

**THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**  
-- American Legion Post #11, Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9:00 a.m.

**FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH**

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

**TODAY, THURSDAY, AUGUST 4**

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County public meeting 6:00 p.m. at K-Bob's in Ruidoso. The village of Ruidoso mayor and council will be in attendance. Jack Atkins, water rights expert will present the village's position regarding the North Fork Eagle Creek wells special use authorization project.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 5**

--Capitan Public Library's first Friday adult lecture 7:00 p.m. on service dogs. Free lecture on the training of service dogs for persons disabled by conditions affecting their mobility and psychiatric wellness. Refreshments after lecture.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 8**

--Carrizozo town Council 6 p.m.

--Republican Party of Lincoln County at Cree Meadows Country Club, dinner at 6:00 p.m. meeting at 6:30 p.m. Al Santos, administrator of Lincoln County Medical Center will be speaker. Call 336-7822 by August 6 to help with head count.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 9**

--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon Roy's Gift Gallery.

--Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.

--Corona School board 6:00 p.m.

--Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.

**NOTICE** -- The Lincoln County News will be working on a short week for our next issue to be published on August 11. Deadline for any articles and/or legals will be Tuesday morning 10:00 p.m. We thank everyone for their cooperation from week to week.



**UPDATE** -- Crew works on laying rebar on area next to solar panels at Carrizozo school campus before cement is poured Thursday last. (Courtesy photo)



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## Santa Fe Opera's Griselda A Picture of Contrasts

by Doris Cherry

My first step into the Santa Fe Opera house for the July 29 production of Vivaldi's baroque opera Griselda was somewhat a surprise—as the set was a riot of color and abstract design, not a set one would expect for an opera first performed in 1735.

But it was something this viewer has come to expect from the Santa Fe Opera, where in recent years directors have been given liberty to interpret performances in different and challenging ways.

The first major US production of Vivaldi's 1735 opera, Santa Fe Opera's "Griselda" offers the viewer the lifting music that Vivaldi is so famous for -- combined with a libretto full of extreme cascading notes that challenge the performers and the orchestra. According to director Peter Sellars, "Vivaldi creates a virtually unsingable aria of hysterical hyper-ventilation and open-ended personal trauma.

Vivaldi writes an agitated, quicksilver soundtrack for people dealing with fear." The story of Griselda was first penned in the 14th century -- the culminating story in the Decameron tales by Boccaccio, and later adapted by Chaucer as "The Patient Griselda." It is a story of Griselda, a low born wife of Gualtiero, king of Thessaly, whose loyalty and love for the king is tested to show the people of the kingdom that she was worthy. To win over the people, the king Gualtiero, tests Griselda by publicly denouncing her and commanding her to leave the palace and abandon their son.

The king's test includes a fake plan to marry a young woman, Costanza, who turns out to be Griselda's long lost daughter who was whisked away by the king's faithful knight when she was an infant. As the story evolves, Griselda returns to her humble beginnings, then is hired by Costanza to serve as a maid in the king's castle.

After tempted to leave the king by Ottone who was sought Griselda's love for years, Griselda maintains her love for the king, even as he is on the verge of marrying Costanza. At the end, the King reveals his test to Griselda and the fact that Costanza is her daughter. But Griselda may not be so won over, as the story ends with her slowly sweeping.

Throughout the opera, the audience is given little hints that the King is heartbroken

over the need to prove his wife's loyalty to the subjects and that even Corrado, the king's faithful knight, is also upset at the "test."

Paul Groves as Gualtiero has the most complicated opening aria, which Sellars defined as "unsingable", yet Groves carries it off.

When Griselda, performed by Meredith Arwady, comes onto the stage, her songs seem relatively flat, but her body expression is melodramatic. Throughout the first act, Griselda's arias seemed weak, only to have that thought bashed in the arias after intermission.

Explained by Sellars, this was Vivaldi's accommodation to his alleged girlfriend, the singer Ms. Giro, who was not reportedly fond of "languishing songs" and whose voice was not very powerful. "As a humanitarian gesture for the character and the singer, we have substituted one of Vivaldi's most profound creations for alto voice, the opening movement of his Stabat Mater, for Griselda's last aria," Sellars wrote. And what a wonder decision, as the final aria gives Ms. Arwady an opportunity to showcase her singing talents.

The audience members who left during intermission missed the best and most powerful part of the opera! To this viewer, Arwady was perfect for the part, her contralto voice able to carry the range of notes required, as was her acting demeanor as the wife of many years, now being rejected by a husband to whom she had always been loyal, only to prove to his subjects that she was worthy.

Sellars explained that in adapting Griselda from Vivaldi's original production, two long episodes of recitative are "suppressed" and one minor aria eliminated, leaving three arias for all but one character—Corrado. The audience roared "bravo" to the arias by Ottone, Amanda Majeski who was costumed in a modern "vato" style; arias by

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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 21, 1958

### Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

by Ted Raynor

#### Wolf Bait

A.N. Runnels of New Bonito City and John Greer paid an old-time trapper, who caught wolves in Mexico and collected the bounty in the United States, \$5 for the secret of a bait that was practically guaranteed to make any smart wolf step into a trap. That was about 40 years ago when both men hunted and trapped as a sideline. Lincoln County then paid a \$15 bounty for a wolf's scalp.

There aren't any wolves left to trap in Lincoln County -- Runnels hasn't seen one in 20 years -- and he revealed the ingredients of the bait which was compounded at a drugstore.

The four ingredients were anise oil, fish oil, sweet anise and asafetida, Runnels said. The last ingredient was used in the smallest quantity.

Put a drop or two of this bait on a piece of rabbit, an old piece of hide or even a stick, and you as good as had a wolf in a trap, provided one came near enough to get a sniff, Runnels said.

The bait seemed to make the unusually wary wolf crazy with curiosity, Runnels said. He added that it was the only bait that he and Greer could trap a timber wolf with. Bobcats and racoons were just as strongly attracted by the bait.

Runnels, a retired Southern Pacific railroader, who began working for the railroad in 1909, has lived on Bonito Creek for many years. Before the building of Bonito Dam in 1930, he said the high-pitched howling of the timber wolves at night in the forest around his home, some eight miles below the dam, was a common sound.

#### Bear Trap Up A Tree

Some 35 years ago A.N. Runnels loaned a 25-pound bear trap to Jim Robinson a rancher Bonito Creek. Black and brown bear were then fairly numerous in the forested mountain area, and ranchers and other residents hunted and trapped the animals.

Robinson, who now lives in eastern New Mexico, set the trap beneath a tree along the north fork of the Bonito and tied a small sack of apples to a limb. One the second night that the trap was reset a bear stepped into it while reaching for the apples.

There was a forked drag on the trap. The bear, instead of pulling the trap and drag on the ground in an attempt to get free, climbed a big quaking aspen.

The trap chain got wrapped around the tree as the bear climbed and the forked drag caught in a crotch. The bear dound himself hanging down and the animal's weight tore his foot loose from the trap. A three footed bear must have lamed the Bonito country after that, but, as far as Runnels knows, no one ever saw the bear.

Robinson had to but down the aspen to get back the trap he had borrowed.

#### The Man on the Mouse-Colored Horse

Mr. Sheley of Tularosa was a familiar figure in the Bonito country in Lincoln County in the late 1890s and shortly after the turn of the century. He rode a mouse-colored horse, known as a gruyer, and carried a little dirt in his right hand. It was said he was the only man who could ride the horse without trouble.

The old man, who lived in a little adobe house in Tularosa, was a sort of traveling evangelist, and he attended all camp meetings within riding distance. He was always welcome in homes along Bonito Creek. When he was staying with families, he said grace at meals, read the Bible, and held prayer at night.

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where is the forest (service)."

"That's been my experience since I've been here," Warnack said. "It was just a coordinated effort, the way that I've seen most of the efforts here in Ruidoso and broader Lincoln County. I saw volunteer departments from Bonito; I saw county resources and municipal resources; a bunch of forest resources as well, and Mescalero and BIA," he said. "Whenever there is some sort of incident, everybody does come together and works fairly well together."

Sedillo said that she thought there must have been a cooperative effort among agencies, even if that wasn't in accordance with the reports she was listening to, and commended the firefighters for their quick response.

"We could have lost a lot more homes and a lot more people," Sedillo said.

"It was definitely an incident that risked life and property," Warnack added in agreement.

County commissioner Tom Battin said that, even with the straw in place, heavy rains in the burn area could result in severe flooding. He wanted to know who would initiate the response to a flood incident, mobilizing stockpiled sandbags and coordinating the response.

County manager Tom Stewart said that stockpiled sandbags are being stored at a municipal

yard of the Village of Ruidoso, the same location where the bags are being filled. Ruidoso Downs would take management of any incidents within that city's boundaries, he said.

"The two areas that I'm focused on, I'm not sure the sandbag requirement is going to be that significant," Stewart said. "We have the White property and the house across the street, then coming down Gavilan Canyon we have Meander and that school place. We'll be shoring up all those areas."

Stewart reported that 217 jersey barriers have been donated by the state highway department.

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### Physician Assistant Joins Lincoln County Medical Center

Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) welcomes Jennifer Wilson, PA-C, to our growing team of providers. Ms. Wilson is a board-certified physician assistant who recently completed a rotation in general surgery at LCMC. She will assist Dr. Tom Lindsey with general surgery patients at Lincoln County Medical Center and Lincoln County Surgical Clinic.

Ms. Wilson completed her undergraduate degree in Physiology, with a minor in Chemistry, from the University of Arizona in Tucson. She earned a master's degree in the Physician Assistant Program from the University of St. Francis in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Ms. Wilson is conversational in Spanish.

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## THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk  
by Ruth Hammond

### Was last minute reprove unexpected?

Many people are happy today because they will receive their Social Security checks and they won't have to put their homes on the market for sale. Not that it matters much, officials had no intention of not sending checks. Officials didn't have to worry, their paychecks and medical were never in danger. The only thing in danger was that possibly some of the general public might not be wringing their hands and crying in fear.

And here you were thinking there was a chance that the last minute reprove wouldn't go through. Lest you forget, this column stated it last week. No, a crystal ball was not used, it was just common sense that officials had a plan and the "Plan" would not fail because officials need those votes next year to continue their stint in office.

You could be thinking that it was hokum and that the fear was real. If you believe that then you might want to buy some ocean front property here in Carrizozo. No it isn't ocean front now but it will be when the western states slide off into the depths and Carrizozo will be ocean frontage. That is as possible as the fact that officials would allow the nation to default on payments to the general public, also known as voters, the people who put them in office and hopefully will do that again.

Here at the local level it is interesting that there are numerous openings at the school. We aren't certain if it is a mass exodus of staff or if it is an indication of a more serious problem. Could it be that some school employees are not in favor of a four day week? Or is it that school employees object to the top heavy power struggle? Decades ago schools were different. Teachers taught and students learned from the teachers, not from the pseudo committee of non college graduates who were tutoring students to read. What happened?

Evidently them that are getting are more interested in getting more and more instead of putting students first. At least someone or more than one, probably quite a few people, will get rich in the process of ignoring the needs of students. And here all along we thought the purpose of the schools was to teach students. Was that wrong?

Maybe a national fiscal crisis would have helped get people aware of what is important. Maybe it is time to get rid of the "Me" factor and put emphasis where it should be. Let's try it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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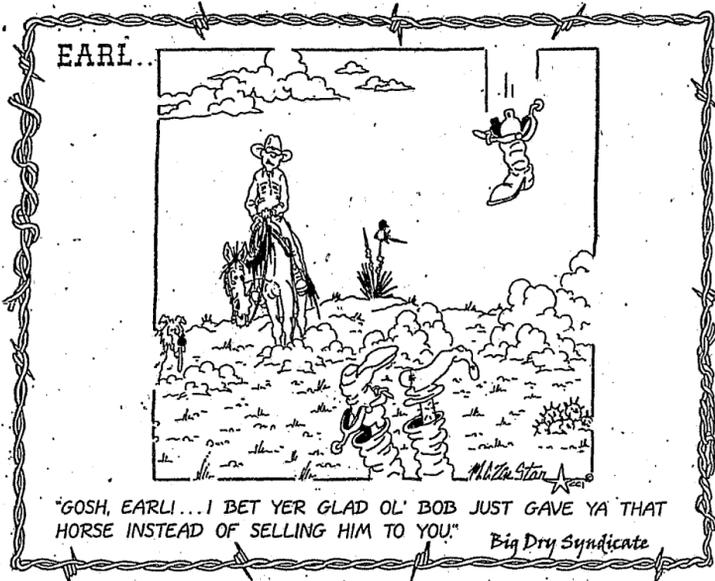
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## \* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

**SANTA FE** - Former Gov. Dave Cargo may be memorialized with a bust somewhere in the capitol. This isn't a bust for which taxpayers will have to foot the bill. This one was sculpted 44 years ago, early in Cargo's administration.

According to Senate Bill 70, our former governor wants to give it to the state. That's a switch for Lonesome Dave, who always has been known for being tight with a buck, both his bucks and taxpayers' money.

When Cargo ended his term in 1970, he is said to have cleaned out both his office and the Governor's Mansion. Bruce King, who followed Cargo as governor is quoted as saying all Cargo left was "that woodpecker over on the desk." At least it means he left the desk too.

But he did take an antique piano, which became a bone of contention. It turned up in someone's home in Northern New Mexico and eventually was donated back to the state, where it sat in the governors' reception area for several years during a subsequent administration.

The piano may have been in the Governor's Mansion while Cargo was governor. I was never in the mansion during Cargo's term. And I've never heard anyone else mention having been in the residence during that period.

When Cargo threw a party, it usually was a spur of the moment affair after some political event. Cargo would hit up one of the liquor lobbyists for some beer and everyone would go around the house into the back yard for a little party.

Cargo was well known as a low budget campaigner. During his first campaign, he traveled the state alone in a beat up Volkswagen, painting his name on every roadside rock he could find. He never bought an ad, saying "Why pay for the back page when you can get the front page free."

Cargo knew how to get on the front page. His biting quips always carried a strong message and the media loved him for it. When he ran for reelection two years later, Cargo got a few good sized donations, which caused him to observe: "I have \$56,000 to spend this time and I'm afraid I won't know what to do with it."

Cargo also prided himself on a small staff. He had only one state policeman, Red Pack, who mainly served as his chauffeur. Cargo says he enjoyed doing most of the driving while Pack slept in the back.

Our former governor even tells the story of being asked to speak in Southern Colorado. On the way up, Cargo told Pack no one up there had ever seen or heard him so he talked Pack into delivering his speech since he had heard it so many times.

Pack did reasonably well until it came to question and answer time. Someone asked Pack a question he couldn't answer so he said, "That question's so easy, I'm going to ask my chauffeur in the back of the room to answer it. You have often seen me refer to Dave Clary, a reader from Roswell, who also is a very successful writer for national publishers. Twelve years ago Cargo spoke at the legislative prayer break-

fast. Cargo is what one might call well read. Among other accomplishments, he claims to have read all 54 volumes of Vladimir Lenin.

Wanting to show off his vast vocabulary, Cargo observed "Sometimes a Sabbatarial zeal can lead us into a moral Coventry and a Tractarian disaster." Obviously, no one in the news business could make heads or tails out of that statement.

So I appealed to my erudite readers for help. I received numerous entries and passed them on to Gov. Cargo for grading. Clary was the winner - hands down.

Both gentlemen have written books, using words the rest of us can understand. I commend them both for your consideration. Cargo's book is called "Lonesome Dave." Clary's book is "Washington" First War."

## WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The humidity here in Lincoln County is WAY up, causing problems for some people with sinus issues. This last week the humidity has hovered around 60-65 percent, two; three and in some areas even four times higher than for the couple months prior to the start of monsoon season.

There is going to be a continued increase in humidity for the upcoming forecast week with daily good chance of showers and thunderstorms.

The temperatures across the high desert of eastern Lincoln County will be in the low to mid 90s, while the eastern high plains regions of Lincoln County will experience temperatures in excess of the 100s. Higher elevations will see daytime highs in the mid 80s and nighttime temperatures will be constant across the county from the high 50s to the mid 60s.

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

Today, Thursday, August 4

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65, south wind around 5 mph becoming calm, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 65, south wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Friday, August 5

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 95,

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## When You Have the Means

School for Carrizozo youth will begin next Wednesday, August 10 for grades 7 to 12 grades according to schedule released by the school -- first day of school for kindergarten thru 6th grades will begin a week later on August 17. That will take us to August 31 when an 'open house' will be scheduled. Hopefully the new tile job on the elementary building will have been completed by then, or better yet that it's completed by August 17. As of today the job has not been completed.

Guess even when you overpay for something you can't expect for a project to be completed promptly. As was discussed in the last board meeting, this job never went out for bids like it should have and supposedly the school ended up paying more than it needed to. The plan seemed to be that if we don't advertise we will be saving a few bucks -- even if we have to pay thousands extra by contacting a few people by phone. But what the hey just bring out the ole' check book and nobody will ever know the difference. And if need be we'll just ask for another bond issue!

Previously, I mentioned that a salary of \$48,000 could be easily increased to \$58,000 without that ever showing on the numbers released as being paid out. I mentioned the word 'increment' as the way to do that. The word I should of used is 'stipend'. Seems to me that's just another way of keeping things from the public/tax payers. If you're going to be paying these excessive amounts on top of regular salaries they should be noted and not kept secret and hidden from the public eye.

The one good piece of news coming from the school is that the project being worked on in the area of the solar panels has been completed. A whirlwind of activity on Thursday and Friday last saw the job completed during that time. Amazing how much can be accomplished if you really get down and put

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# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

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

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

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

## NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of August, 2011, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Twelfth Judicial District Court located at 300 Central in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all right, title and interest of the Defendants, DON MURPHY, Individually and as a Member of Avalon-Construction Ruidoso, LLC and AVALON-CONSTRUCTION RUIDOSO, LLC, a New Mexico Limited Liability Company, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash.

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

## LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order for Sale, and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on the 20th day of July, 2011 in an action for collection of a Foreclosure of a Mortgage.

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

Principal and interest through 12/31/10	\$198,521.26
(Interest accrues at the rate of \$35.48 per day from 1/1/11)	
Cost of suit	\$ 515.78
Attorney's fees (through 5/9/11)	\$ 4,076.65
Special Master's fee	\$ 200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$203,313.69</b>

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

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

Notice is further given that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a three (3) month right of redemption.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
IN THE PROBATE COURT

Cause No. PB-2514  
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
VIRGINIA ANN REGAN, Deceased

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Barbara J. Briggs has been appointed personal representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of any published notice to creditors or the date of mailing or other delivery of this notice, whichever is later, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the law offices of Gibson & Leonard, P.C., at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

Dated: July 25, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted by:  
GIBSON & LEONARD, P.C.  
Julie Anne Leonard  
505 Mechem Dr.  
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
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# When You Have the Means . . .

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in a full days work. And another added bonus is that the two piles of dirt have disappeared. Hallelujah!

The football field was also being worked on by John Paul Ventura and his crew Thursday last -- mowing, re-seeding and such -- all for free. During the last board meeting it was mentioned by someone in the audience that the board had a person that was well educated in the maintenance of the infrastructure, inside and out, and that the board as a whole should take advantage of his knowledge. Don't think that has been happening from what I hear. Like I said it's hard to overcome a 4 to 1 vote.

Hopefully, we can get a football schedule from the coach soon so we can publish it. By the way does anyone know what happened to the sign at the field that identified it as Laabs Field? Have a 'not good' feeling about this. Don't have all the information on the accidental misfiring of a firearm on school grounds recently. But have heard that the decision was made to suspend the young man for a whole school year. Wow! Wonder who made the decision on that one. Everyone knows this incident was an accident with some poor judgment involved, something that can be expected out of someone so young, and thankfully nobody was seriously hurt. Sometimes, things happen at the wrong time and the wrong place, but to come down on a young person that hard . . . I don't agree. And of course, there will be some that don't agree with me. Don't know if the ones making that decision will see to it that he gets home schooled or be asked to transfer to another school. What a lack of leadership. Here you are given the opportunity to represent, and the only thing you get is the lack of it. It will also be interesting to see if any one takes responsibility for making that decision or if this will be misdirected to someone else. I'm sure the word 'recommendation' will be popping up somewhere in the explanation. Or maybe another 'committee' will be recommended to oversee that matter. Forming another committee instead of doing the things that you are being paid for or elected to do, seems to be a favorite at school board meetings. More on this later.

peter aguilar

# Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

## April 7

6:16 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on 17th Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

6:21 a.m. Medical call at residence on Oso Loop in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

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## April 8

9:41 a.m. Burglary reported at residence on 14th Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

10:31 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Rainmakers in Alto, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

2:51 p.m. Auto burglary reported at location on Del Sol in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

3:29 p.m. Information report at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

3:34 p.m. Information report at residence on Jicarilla in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

4:44 p.m. Unknown trouble call from the campground on Ranger road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

## April 8

7:59 p.m. Arrest at mile marker 7 on

Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

8:31 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Little Creek Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

10:18 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

April 9  
6:50 a.m. Public relations at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:02 a.m. Drivers test requested at location on Blackhawk in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:46 a.m. Medical call at business located on East Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

9:50 a.m. Battery reported at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:33 a.m. 911 Hang-up from business located on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

12:26 p.m. Information report at residence on Eagle Ridge Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

1:01 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Half Circle in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:52 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mt. Capitan in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

9:08 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mountain Sun Trail in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

9:34 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:13 p.m. Battery reported at Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

April 10  
3:15 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:04 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Aspen Road in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:39 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Half Circle Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:44 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:50 p.m. Medical call at location on Franklin in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

4:09 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Crazy Horse Circle in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

5:53 p.m. Police presence requested at residence on Crazy Horse Circle in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

6:35 p.m. Dog reported running loose on High Mesa Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:15 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Wyatt Earp in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

11:42 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at residence on Lincoln

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH  
SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY  
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E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**RUIDOSO DOWNS  
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361-East Hwy. 70  
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346  
575-378-4611  
Dr. Randy Widener Ph.D., Sr. Pastor

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

**ANCHO COMMUNITY  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Worship . . . 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

**CORONA UNITED  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

**CARRIZOZO  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Hayden Smith, Pastor  
314 10th Avenue  
648-2968 Church or 648-207

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . 10:55 a.m.  
Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.  
AWANAS . . . Wednesday 6:00 p.m.  
(September - April)

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

**SANTA RITA  
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
Carrizozo / Capitan / Corona  
213 Birch - Carrizozo, NM 88301  
575-648-2853  
Fr. Tony Basso, Pastor

Daily Mass / Santa Rita . . . 8:30 a.m.  
Saturday Services  
Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 5:00 p.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Sunday Services  
Capitan Sacred Heart . . . 8:30 a.m.  
Carrizozo Santa Rita . . . 10:30 a.m.  
Corona St. Theresa . . . 1:30 a.m.

**CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS  
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Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson,  
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Holy Eucharist . . . Sunday 9:30 a.m.

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SUNDAY  
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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.

**UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCHES**  
1000 D Avenue, Carrizozo  
648-2893  
Jean Riley, Pastor

Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.  
2nd Sunday Breakfast . . . 10:00 a.m.  
4th Sunday Fellowship Dinner . . . 12:00 p.m.

**CAPITAN**  
3rd and White Oaks  
575-354-2288  
Jean Riley, Pastor

Worship Service . . . 9:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Time . . . 10:15 a.m.  
Adult Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.  
3rd Sunday Fellowship Dinner

**CAPITAN CHRIST  
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**  
420 Lincoln Avenue  
Joshua Watkins, Minister

Sunday Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**CAPITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
420 Lincoln Avenue  
Joshua Watkins, Minister

Sunday Bible Study . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF CORONA**  
Cal West, Pastor / 849-7975

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study . . . 7:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Dinner . . . 1st Sunday of Month

**GRACE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST**  
Corona, New Mexico  
Terry Aiello, Pastor / 849-0105

Worship . . . 9:30 a.m.

**CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Tony Scaccia, Minister  
849-1402

Second Saturday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

**WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
(Non-Denominational)

Sunday Worship . . . . . 11:00 a.m.

# Weather Report . . .

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night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

**Saturday, August 6**

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

**Sunday, August 7**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 94, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 66

**Monday, August 8**

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, August 9**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 94, 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, August 4**

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 82, south wind around 5 mph becoming east, night: A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 59, south wind around 5 mph.

**Friday, August 5**

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 85, night: A good chance of

showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Saturday, August 6**

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 86, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Sunday, August 7**

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 84, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Monday, August 8**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 85, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

**Tuesday, August 9**

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 85, night: A slight chance for showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to [www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/) on the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free number for up to the hour road constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511; listen to the options and follow the directions.

You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to [www.nmroads.com](http://www.nmroads.com) for any area of the state.

# Obituary

**JOE S. HERRERA**

Funeral mass for Joe S. Herrera, 88, of Carrizozo will be today, Thursday, August 4, at 10:00 a.m. at Santa Rita's Catholic Church in Carrizozo with burial to follow at Evergreen Cemetery. Mr. Herrera passed away Thursday, July 28, at his home. He was born September 24, 1922 at Carrizozo.

Mr. Herrera has lived in Lincoln County all of his life. He served in the Army during World War II, he retired from the Department of the Air Force Civil Service at Holloman Air Force Base. He married Ida Vega on

October 25, 1942 at Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife, Ida V. Herrera; a son, Robert Herrera; two step brothers, Floyd Herrera and Ernest Herrera; four sisters, Rosa Prudencio, Civilia Guterrez, Emma Utter and Lisa Herrera; one grandson, Joe Don Herrera and his wife, Cheri and three great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Rachael Herrera and two brothers, Percy Herrera and Benny Herrera.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).

# Santa Fe Opera's Griselda . . .

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Isabel Leonard as Costanza; arias by countertenor David Daniels as Roberto, Costanza's lover whom she must give up to marry the king; arias by countertenor Yuri Minenkó as Corrado, the king's faithful knight, making his US and Santa Fe Opera debut.

Set design is by L.A. Chicano artist Gronk, who did the design of the 2005 Santa Fe Opera production of *Ainadamar*, also directed by Sellars. Gronk's art is displayed at the National Hispanic Center in Albuquerque. The set is not of a 1735 baroque castle, rather a bold colored abstract view of farm fields, doorways, and even a hint of the face of "Zozobra"—Santa Fe's

huge puppet set on fire each September.

Sellar's use of modern guns and soldiers' uniforms may seem out of place to some, in this 1735 opera, but to this viewer the use of these tell the viewers that domestic violence and political posturing among the powerful is something that continues into our times.

Griselda will be performed Aug. 4 and 9 with the final performance on Aug. 19. Performances are held every night but Sunday throughout August.

SFO presents special "Family Nights" with performances of *La Boheme* and *The Last Savage*, on Aug. 23 and 25. Tickets for the two performances are \$25 for adults and \$15

for children six to 22 years old. A child's ticket must be purchased to qualify for the family night prices.

Other productions this season are *Faust*, which opened and will close this season on Aug. 27, *La Boheme*, *The Last Savage* and *Wozzeck*.

For ticket or opera information, call toll free 800-280-2654, or visit the opera's website at [SantaFeOpera.org](http://SantaFeOpera.org).

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to say that the resignation was acknowledged, rather than accepted. Battin's motion passed unanimously.

Stewart listed some possible ways for the county commissioners to proceed in their search for his replacement, and offered a timeline for them to follow. He asked the board members to consider whether they would prefer to search for candidates as a board, as a smaller committee, or through a firm that handles such tasks for a fee.

Stewart also asked the board for input on how and where the position of county manager should be advertised and whether or not any changes in the job description would be appropriate at this time.

Stewart said that employee search firms provide a lot of good services and do a lot of vetting, but would probably charge something in the range of \$25 - \$35 thousand.

"We did receive sort of an unsolicited proposal from the Waters Consulting Group," he said. The fee for the total package of the proposal would be about \$22,000.

County commission chair Eileen Sedillo said that she didn't like the idea of spending that kind of money for a search firm.

"I'm sure we're going to get a lot of applicants, but I think we can form a committee amongst ourselves to kind of break it down. I'm saying that if there's 30 applicants, we can form a committee to (narrow it down) to the top 10," Sedillo said.

She proposed that, once the committee had reduced the race to 10 candidates, the county attorney and the county manager would sit in on the interviews, but Stewart said he didn't want to participate in that aspect of the hiring process.

Minter and Sedillo both proposed that the county's elected officials also participate in the selection process, bringing to the table their experience and needs as heads of county departments.

A procedure that included elected officials and only two board members would negate the Open Meetings Act requirement of announcing meetings that include a majority of the board members, and further protect the privacy of appli-

cants that may not have informed an employer of his or her job search.

County commissioner Mark Doth said that he had some concerns about the local board handling the selection process.

"I would recommend to this search committee that we retain the services of a background investigator. I want their background opened," Doth said. "I want a thorough background search on any candidate. I read article after article after article about public officials that have hidden stuff in their past, because of our laws or because of other reasons, they get moved up along the line and go to the next community and all of a sudden they have embezzled, they have done this, they have done that. 'We live in a society today that, wow, it's dangerous,'" Doth continued.

In response to a personal question posed of the county manager by Doth, Stewart explained that he had been alerted of the county manager position becoming available 13 years ago when his mother-in-law asked him to please bring her daughter back to New Mexico and sent him the job notice from an Alamogordo newspaper.

Stewart said he was finishing up his last couple of weeks of employment with the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington, D.C. at the time. He said he didn't know what a county manager was, but he had planned to be in this area at the time interviews were being scheduled so he decided to look into it.

"Surprisingly enough, after I told them what I told them, they hired me," he said.

The board of county commissioners decided to include at least two of its members and the elected county officials in a search committee, and to have the top 10 candidates vetted by a professional background check firm.

The county board as a whole will review the final 10 applicants. The participating county commissioners will be chosen at the board's regular meeting in August; publication of the employment notice will commence as soon as possible with applications due by September 9th.



**LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER DAVE TREMBLAY** was up early one recent Saturday morning and took these shots of a small band of elk, the fawns still showing spots, and the awe inspiring sunrise photo displayed on front page. Tremblay's photos were submitted courtesy of Lynda Sanchez of Lincoln.

## Obituary

### JIM LATHAM

Memorial service for Jim Latham, 60, of Lincoln will be today, Thursday, August 4, at 10:00 a.m. in Corona United Presbyterian Church. Mr. Latham passed away Friday, July 29, in Lincoln. He was born October 14, 1950 at Roswell.

Mr. Latham served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, he was a retired rancher and truck driver. He moved to Lincoln in

May, 2004 from Sterling City, Texas.

He is survived by his wife Diane, they were married March 19, 2005 at Lincoln; his children, Kimberly Smith and Tommy Latham; step-children, Michelle, Thomas, John and Shawna; sisters, Lee Sultemeier, and Susie Maness and seven grandchildren.

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David N. Calkins, M.D. to Alamogordo. Dr. Calkins is a New Mexico native who attended the United States Military Academy at West Point where he received a B.S. degree in Engineering. After graduation, he served in the Army for eight years before returning to the University of New Mexico School of Medicine. After getting his medical degree, Dr. Calkins served in the Navy for several years, receiving his Doctorate of Medicine in 1990. He is now involved with Interventional Pain Management and is skilled in the latest techniques of assisting patients in relieving severe, chronic and disabling pain.

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**LAABS FOOTBALL FIELD** on Carrizozo school campus was being worked on last week by J.P. Ventura's crew in preparation for the upcoming year. With the recent rains and the reseeding done by the Ventura crew the field should be in as good a shape as it has in recent years. (Courtesy photo)

# LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS

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**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6**

**600 D. AVE. Carrizozo**

**8am - 12 noon**

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## Sheriff's Report . . .

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Avenue in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:44 p.m. Agency assistance requested at residence on Lincoln Avenue in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

### April 11

8:32 a.m. Motorist assistance requested at mile marker 154 on Hwy 54 in Corona, deputy dispatched.

9:09 a.m. Accident reported on Mulligan Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:36 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 12 on Hwy 48 in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

10:47 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Enchanted Forest Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:41 a.m. Medical call at residence on Fourth Street in Capitan, ALS ambulance dispatched.

12:11 p.m. Information report at residence on Cedar Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

4:37 p.m. Medical call at residence on Edna Lane in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

4:48 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Angus Hill on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:02 p.m. Shots fired reported at residence on Hwy 54 in Oscuro, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

### April 12

6:57 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:43 a.m. Fraud reported at location on Jack Little Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

9:13 a.m. Medical call at residence on Second Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

9:36 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

9:40 a.m. Fire/burning without permit reported at location on Little Creek Road in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

9:59 a.m. CYFD referral at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:12 a.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:23 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Alpine Village Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:48 a.m. Trespassing reported at location on Bonito Lake

Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

11:02 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at mile marker 115 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:04 p.m. Littering/illegal dumping reported at mile marker 3 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

1:21 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Sun Valley in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:10 p.m. Fire reported at location on Chavez Canyon Road in Hondo, Hondo fire units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

2:35 p.m. Medical call at residence on Warbow Trail in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.

5:43 p.m. Medical call at Santa Rita Church in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

6:06 p.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Country Club Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

6:14 p.m. Medical call at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.

6:33 p.m. Fire reported resulting in agency assistance requested at location on Lookout Drive in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

7:28 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on East Cedar Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:35 p.m. Open door reported at location on Bobsled in Alto, deputy dispatched.

### April 13

8:00 a.m. Information report at location on 13th Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

8:35 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Brick Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

9:39 a.m. Warrant service at residence on White Mountain in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:04 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

1:29 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Bonny Canyon Road in Picacho, deputy dispatched.

1:40 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

2:00 p.m. Information report at business located on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police dispatched.

2:28 p.m. Warrant service at Magistrate Court in

Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

4:30 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Street in Carrizozo.

5:47 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of CR A035 and RR 798 in Ancho, Carrizozo emergency units and multiple deputies dispatched.

## Looking Back 'Through Our Old Files'

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"He was respected by old and young," Floy Skinner of Nogal said. "He sometimes stayed in my parents' home on the Bonito or 10 days at a time. You can bet his horse got extra good care."

Mr. Shelley visited the Skinner home once or twice a month. At one time he induced the Skinner Reed, Vest and O.P. Humphrey families to attend a camp meeting in Tularosa. The families traveled by wagon. They were three days on the road, covering from 15 to 20 miles a day.

The families stayed about a week at the camp meeting in Tularosa, which was then just a Spanish-American town. There were many small grape vineyards in and around the village. The vineyards and houses were fenced with high adobe walls. Even vineyards of an acre or more were fenced with adobe.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
NO. CV2011-49

GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC,  
a foreign Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROBIN M. LEWIS, GRANT K. LEWIS, CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, LINCOLN COUNTY SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY, PROPERTY OWNERS' COMMITTEE OF RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, WHITE SANDS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION,

Defendant(s),

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE the above-entitled Court, having duly appointed a Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the Real Estate situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico commonly known as and more fully described as: Lot 9, Block 27 of RANCHO RUIDOSO VALLEY ESTATES, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, November 30, 1982, in Cabinet D, Slides 99 through 103, inclusive ("Real Estate").

And 2000 Town & Country-make, 28' X 56' Manufactured Home, serial number TXCTC004679AB situated upon such Real Estate.

A Stipulated and Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure and Appointment of Special Master was entered in the above, captioned and numbered cause against on the 25th day of July, 2011.

The sale is to begin at the hour of 9:30 am on the 6th day of September 2011, at the main entrance of the, Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, NM at which time I will sell to the highest bidder for cash in the lawful currency of the United States of America, the above-described Real Estate, all improvements thereon and the above-described Manufactured Home to pay the such Stipulated and Default Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure and Appointment of Special Master referred to above, and to satisfy the Judgment in favor of Plaintiff in the total amount of \$78,455.00, including interest to the date of the Foreclosure Sale. At such sale, the Plaintiff may become the purchaser of the property being sold, or part thereof, and may apply all or part of the Judgment to the bid, should it be the highest bidder. At the Special Master's discretion, the sale may be postponed and rescheduled. In the event the Special Master is unable to conduct the sale when scheduled, the Special Master may designate a successor to act as Special Master for the purpose of the sale. Without further or other notice, said successor may conduct the sale as aforesaid.

Any purchaser at such sale must pay, in cash or an unconditional, irrevocable letter of credit issued upon a financial institution and in a form acceptable to me. The purchaser at such sale shall take title to such property subject to a one month right of redemption.

PETER BACA  
Special Master  
PO Box 215  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Phone: 575-648-9925

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