

Burrows to Propose Voting Centers

by Patrice Brazie

With more than half of the votes cast in elections in Lincoln County being cast by early or absentee voting methods, turnout at the precinct polling places is on a steady decline as voters choose more convenient alternatives.

County clerk Rhonda

Burrows has been meeting with political groups, poll workers and senior citizen groups to talk about a possible alternative to precinct voting on election day, voter convenience centers, and will present that alternative for consideration by the board of county commissioners in October. In each odd year, that board is required by state statute to

approve the county's voting locations.

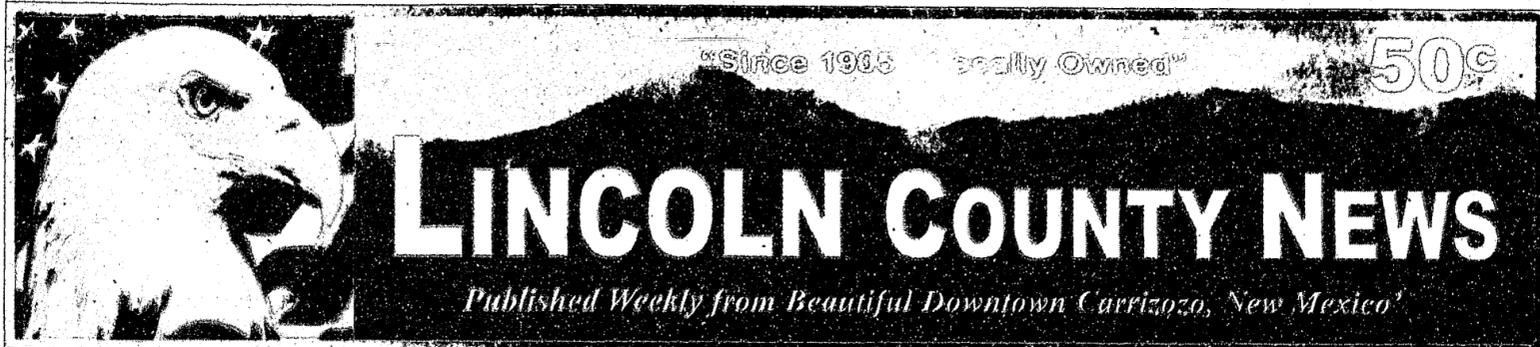
"Normally, for every precinct we have a polling location, but not always right in the precinct," Burrows said in an interview on Monday.

"For instance, voters in Lincoln have actually been voting in Capitan for years because there's no

public building down there to have a polling place. In Ruidoso, at the convention center, we have about six precincts that vote there, but separately. Each one of those precincts still had a precinct board, but they were all in the same place," she explained. "In effect, that was a convenience center."

According to Burrows, the

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LIMITED RAINFALL has left Alto Lake, a water source for the Village of Ruidoso, on the low side, but the lake still offers a place for a picnic or walk. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

Valle del Sol Request Approved

by Patrice Brazie

Dan Dattola, developer of Carrizozo's Valle Del Sol subdivision, appeared at the Monday, September 12th regular meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council to seek approval for the fifth and sixth phases of the subdivision's construction.

Dattola said that those newest phases consist of three, five, 10, 15 and 20 acre lots. Roads, utilities and drainage systems in those parts of the subdivision are being constructed now.

Town trustee Lee Gross asked Dattola about the planned commercial portion of the subdivision, a plan that came with promises of a variety of retail shops and services in the subdivision that has yet to attract its first commercial establishment.

"While I think improving the streets and the appearance of the town is important, I don't think it's as important as having that commercial area developed," Gross said.

Dattola said that about five lots have been sold in the subdivision's commercial area, but since the economy hit a slump it's been

hard to find investors.

"Particularly in a smaller town where there's a bit of a risk, nobody knows for sure how this is going to go," Dattola said. "I think that, in time, it will develop."

He said that the initial planning for Valle Del Sol intended that everything the residents would need be available within the subdivision, but suggested that with today's economy it might be more productive to concentrate efforts on the development of the mobile home portion of the subdivision.

"They're less expensive; retired people can afford them," he said. "I think the commercial stuff will develop. We were very close a couple of times on a big store and that fell through on us. I wish it was happening faster and it will happen, but it just takes time."

Planning and zoning committee member Judy Fitzpatrick added that the special assessment for the larger, 20-acre lots would be \$200 annually, twice the assessment for the smaller lots in the subdivision. Roads in that portion of the development will be finished with gravel, rather than the more expensive chip seal used in previous phases.

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Fishers still enjoying the morning at Bonito Lake, also low from the lack of a real monsoon season. Rainfall in Bonito Canyon has carpeted the hills with green grass and yellow and purple flowers, balm for eyes accustomed to yellow dry, NM Game and Fish stocked the lake on Monday, Sept. 12. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

C'zozo Grows A Police Department

by Patrice Brazie

Carrizozo's police presence has become more apparent in the last few weeks as mayor Dennis Vega and the town council have attained results in a long search for police department personnel.

During the September 12th regular meeting of the Carrizozo Town Council, the trustees approved the appointment of officer Steve Barnett to the position of Chief of Police, and approved the hiring of a third officer for the department, Jerry Santer.

Santer said that he originates from California but relocated to New Mexico in 1995, and brings with him 20 years of law enforcement experience. He said that he applied for the police officer position after talking to fellow officer Mike Brasino, who joined the Carrizozo department about three months ago.

In his report to the trustees, Barnett said that the department responded to 29 calls in the month of August, and issued 65 citations that resulted in \$3,470 in fines that the town will benefit from. Four people were arrested on outstanding warrants.

Also during the month of August, three dogs were brought to the Carrizozo Animal Shelter. Barnett said that one dog was released back to an owner; the other two were relocated by Barbara Culler and her Miracle's Paws for Pets organization.

"We're trying to do zero

keeping of animals," Barnett said. "We're trying to get them placed as soon and as quickly as possible. We want to be known as a humane animal shelter here in Carrizozo."

Culler explained that the two dogs that hadn't been claimed in August were both Chihuahuas.

"One was from the county and we placed him in the Timber Ridge Avery and Rescue," Culler said. "He's out of our control right now; they're going to find him a home. They will have a home for him there if he doesn't get adopted," she said.

The second Chihuahua is under foster care at the Thundering Paws rescue, an organization that sometimes works with Miracle's Paws for Pets in finding homes for abandoned pets.

"This one will stay there until an opening at Ranchos de Chihuahua in Chimayo," Culler added. "He also, if not adopted, will have a home for the rest of his life."

Barnett reported that the police department is currently being remodeled.

"Right now it's kind of helter-skelter, so if you go down there and find the front door locked, it's because we're setting the tile," he said. "Once the tile gets set, I'll go back to my open-door policy."

The newly appointed police chief said that, once the department's remodeling is complete, he plans to hold an open house for the community.



STEVE BARNETT POLICE CHIEF -- Carrizozo Police Officer Steve Barnett was promoted and appointed to the position of Chief of Police last Monday evening. Barnett said he intends to have an open-door policy at the police department, and to have the Carrizozo Animal Shelter known as a humane shelter. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)



JERRY SANTER
Police Officer
Carrizozo's newest police officer, Jerry Santer, was introduced to the public during Monday evening's meeting of the town council. Santer said that he was alerted to the position by fellow police officer Mike Brasino. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Lincoln County Calendar of Events

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

--Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School Library

TUESDAYS

--Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

--Preschool Story time 10:30am at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. --Carrizozo First Baptist Church takes orders for Angel Food Ministries 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

--Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at 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, SEPTEMBER 15

--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meeting canceled.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

--Cooperative Extension Service meeting for local on call maintenance and repair service providers. Call 575-624-6131 for information.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

--Lincoln County Commission 8:30 a.m.
--Centennial storyteller Joe Hayes will give a public storytelling presentation at Corona Zia Senior Center Main St, next door to Corona Village Hall). Meet and greet breakfast at the Senior Center will be followed by Joe Hayes telling stories. Public invited.
--Carrizozo School Board

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

--Rick Price and the Blackwood Legacy in Free concert at Corona First Baptist Church 7:00 p.m. Southern gospel. The Corona First Baptist Church is located at 251 Dubois in Corona. For more information on this event call (575) 849-7975 or visit the group website at www.the-blackwoodlegacy.com. You can also preview the group on Facebook.

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

--NMSU to host half day workshop on beneficial insects at Tucumcari 9:30 to 12:30. There is no charge but pre-registration is requested. Please contact Grasswitz at tgrasswi@nmsu.edu, or 505-865-7340 to register.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 24 and SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

--Adobe Farms Alpacas participates in National Alpaca Farm Days. Public invited to free opportunity to learn more about alpacas, the luxury fiber they produce and more. 9a.m. to 5 p.m. Adobe Farms Alpacas is located at 420 Fenceline Rd., Ancho, approximately 25 miles North of Carrizozo. To find out more about National Alpaca Farm Days visit www.NationalAlpacaFarmDays.com. To learn more about Adobe Farms Alpacas, visit www.adobefarms.com, or call 866-930-1960

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concept of voting convenience centers began in Colorado about eight years ago after voters at a precinct polling place were still waiting in line at close to 7:00 p.m. when the polls closed, not realizing that they had been waiting to vote at the wrong location. By the time they found out they were at the wrong location, it was too late to get to the correct polling place to cast their votes.

Consideration of the potential for similar issues prompted county clerks in New Mexico to propose legislation that would allow for the consolidation of voting locations in this state.

"School districts have always done that," Burrows pointed out.

She is proposing the creation of six voter convenience centers in Lincoln County, one each in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Hondo, Capitan, Corona and Carrizozo.

"We picked those because of the previous locations, because of population and because of distance," Burrows said. "Basically, instead of having 21 different precincts, with 21 separate staffs, 21 separate supply lists, 21 different tabulators and paper ballots, we're going to have six convenience centers where any voter registered in the County of Lincoln, regardless of the precinct, can go in and vote."

The system and

procedures for early and absentee voting would remain the same as in the past. The convenience centers would replace the usual precinct polling locations on the day of the election.

"One of the biggest problems that we have on Election Day is people turning up at the wrong polling places," Burrows continued.

Voters in the Alto area are sometimes confused about where to vote, Burrows said, because some are in a precinct that has a polling location at the Bonito Fire Station while others in a different precinct must vote in the Village of Capitan. Under the voter convenience center system, it wouldn't matter what precinct a voter resides in, he or

she could vote at any of the six centers.

"This requires that each of the convenience centers, be linked electronically, but it's not new technology; we've been using it for early votes for years," Burrows said.

The process in the convenience center would be essentially the same as early voting, Burrows said. The voter would identify himself and be issued a ballot for his precinct, from the ballot on demand system used for early voting. The voter roster is updated electronically and immediately to show that the person has been issued a ballot and voted.

The convenience part of the equation would fall true, perhaps most noticeably, for those people who, for example, live in

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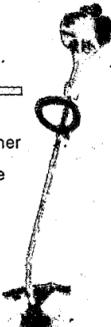
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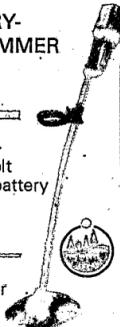
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Looking Back

'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 . . .

(Several years ago the Glencoe Woman's Club undertook an ambitious project of compiling a history of Lincoln County. A number of interesting accounts of early days were written by old-time residents and sent to the club, but the history was not finished. Mrs. Helena LaMay became custodian of the material and has kindly given the News permission to print some of the letters.

An article written by Dan Burrows, an Albuquerque newspaperman, around 1930, and later given to the Glencoe Woman's Club.

(Continued from Last Week)

Plenty More Gold

by Dan Burrows

It was along 1850 that the first gold boom started. Some cowboys rode up a little gulch in the Jicarilla Mountains in the search of stray cattle. Glistening specks of yellow in the sand caught the eye of one of them. Probably he had never heard of Sutter's Mill and the California gold rush but he knew enough about gold to dismount quickly and call excitedly to his companions. Then and there began placer mining operations in the Jicarilla Mountains that have continued intermittently to this day.

Almost thirty years later three prospectors who were panning for gold in a gulch on Baxter Mountain, some ten miles south of the Jicarilla, stopped to eat their lunch. In the party were George Baxter, for whom the mountain had been named, Geo. Wilson and old Jack Winters.

While the partners were eating lunch, Wilson took his lunch and strolled up the side of the mountain. Climbing atop a large blowout of rock in the mountain side he idly whacked away fragments of rock with his pick.

He glanced casually at the bit of rock he had knocked loose, then let out an exultant yell. His companions came running and quickly confirmed his appraisal of the gold bearing ore. Immediately they staked out a claim.

So was born the famous North Homestake Mine, opening the development that brought thousands of people to form the town of White Oaks and resulted in the mining of many millions of dollars worth of high-grade ore. But George Wilson, the man who made it possible for others to amass fabulous wealth, did not share in the wave of prosperity that engulfed Baxter Mountain and its nearby town of White Oaks.

A bird in the hand is worth two, or maybe four or five in the bush, Wilson figured, so when Winters offered him \$40, a pony and a bottle of whiskey for his share in the claim, he snapped up the offer before Winters had time to reconsider; a vein of gold has to be worked, but \$40 can be spent immediately; a good pony can save a fellow a lot of hard walking; a bottle of whiskey can make him feel just as rich as Croesus, no matter if his pockets be empty.

"Not long after this, the discoverer of the lode mines of White Oaks disappeared and was never heard of again," relates an old New Mexico history.

Nobody knows just how much gold was taken from this first of the lode mines, but it was reliably reported to have been more than a half million dollars and the mine will produce plenty more, the old miners will tell you.

News of the North Homestake spread like wildfire and soon Baxter Mountain and Baxter Gulch were overrun with an army of prospectors. South Homestake, the famed Old Abe, Little Mack, Comstock and Rip Van Winkle mines were located, soon to be followed by other locations, many of which poured out a stream of golden ore; others produces less richly; still others proved only disappointment to their locators. It remained for the Old Abe, a few feet down he Gulch from the North Homestake, to prove the sensation of the White Oaks District.

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Capitan and work in Ruidoso and would like to vote immediately after work or on a lunch break, or for those whose schedule prevents them from being in their home precinct during polling hours.

Reducing the number of polling locations from 21 to any one of six should serve to eliminate confusion over where to vote.

The proposal for changing the places from which we can vote on election day comes at a time when Burrows anticipates a little confusion from certain areas of the voting population simply because of issues associated with the 10 year mandate for redistricting and the resulting addition of two new precincts this year.

"We were going from 19 to 21 precincts with redistricting," Burrows said. "We were going to have to create two new polling locations anyway, and two new precincts and precinct boards. It seemed like a logical time to me. We've changed precinct boundaries, so there would be people that are confused about their precinct location anyway, so I figure as long as we're confusing them, let's just go (for all the change at once)," she said.

"The other thing is, when we do redistricting, we're going to have to send everybody a new voter card anyway to define what new district they're in," she said. "If we could do this at the same time and have the new polling locations on there, then it will be less confusing for them."

Burrows told The News that, while the benefits of the convenience center voting system are fairly obvious, the down-side is a reflection of a subtle and ongoing cultural change.

"Precinct voting is sort of the bedrock of our democracy," she said. "Everything is built from the precinct up. But, that being said, more than 30 percent in the last primary election voted early or absentee. 53 percent of the people in the last general election voted early or absentee. We're doing early and we're doing absentee, and then we're having this big production on election day for less than 50 percent of the turnout, and the turnout's usually less than 50 percent of the registered voters."

Burrows admitted that, should the voters and the board of county commissioners choose to approve the voter convenience centers, it could be challenging in its first implementation. She said it would be hard to predict how the population will shift to the new voting locations and which will attract the largest number of voters.

"The way we're going to address that is that we're going to have different numbers of systems. Not everyone will have one only printer. Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs will have multiple systems; but the first time around we're not going to know how the voters might shift," Burrows said.

The voters living within the incorporated municipalities of Lincoln County really won't see

much of a change in how they vote, Burrows said. Those most affected would be voters living in or around the rural areas of Nogal, Angus, Bonito and Hondo; they will be forced to travel to a population center to cast their votes on election day, and might become more inclined to vote early and their own convenience.

"It is a basic cultural change and I sort of regret that," Burrows said. "But, when you think about 53 percent of the voters having already voted, it's like you throw this big party and nobody comes. We have already fundamentally shifted the way we vote."

The Lincoln County Board of Commissions will, as required, establish voting locations during its regular meeting in October.

Burrows is encouraging anyone with questions, comments or concerns regarding the possible change to a voter convenience center system contact her office and the members of the county board. They can't know what the public wants if they don't hear from the public. The general number for Lincoln County offices is 575-648-2394; the clerk's office is extension number six.

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2011 Grizzly Varsity FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

| DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME |
|----------------|------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| Fri., Aug. 20 | Foothill (Albuquerque) | Carrizozo | 6:00pm |
| Fri., Sept. 2 | Springer | Springer | 7:00pm |
| Sat., Sept. 10 | Reserve | Reserve | 1:00pm |
| Fri., Sept. 16 | Logan (Also Jr. High) | Logan | 4:00 - 7:00pm |
| Fri., Sept. 23 | *Menaul | Carrizozo | 7:00pm |
| Fri., Sept. 30 | Animas | Animas | 5:00pm |
| Fri., Oct. 7 | Magdalena (11-man) | Magdalena | 7:00pm |

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Jr. High Schedule

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|------------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Thurs., Sept. 8 | Mescalero | Carrizozo | 4:30pm |
| Fri., Sept. 16 | Logan | Logan | 4:00pm |
| Thurs., Sept. 22 | Mescalero | Mescalero | 4:30pm |
| Thurs., Oct. 6 | Gateway | Carrizozo | 4:30pm |
| Thurs., Oct. 20 | Mountainair | Carrizozo | 5:00pm |

Volleyball Schedule

| DATE | OPPONENT | LOCATION | TIME | TEAMS |
|------------------|--------------------|------------|--------|---------|
| Tues., Aug. 25 | Corona | Corona | 5:00pm | JH/JV |
| Fri., Aug. 26 | Magdalena | Carrizozo | 3:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Thurs., Sept. 1 | Magdalena | Magdalena | 3:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Tues., Sept. 6 | Vaughn | Carrizozo | 4:00pm | JH/V |
| Thurs., Sept. 8 | Capitan | Carrizozo | 4:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Thurs., Sept. 15 | Corona | Carrizozo | 4:00pm | JH/JV |
| Sept. 16-17 | Cloudcroft Tourney | Cloudcroft | TBA | V |
| Tues., Sept. 19 | Capitan | Carrizozo | 5:00pm | JH |
| Sept. 23-24 | Capitan Tourney | Capitan | TBA | V |
| Thurs., Sept. 29 | Capitan | Capitan | 5:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Tues., Oct. 4 | Hondo | Hondo | 4:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Fri., Oct. 7 | Animas | Animas | 3:00pm | JV/V |
| Fri., Oct. 14 | Quemado | Quemado | 2:00pm | JH/V |
| Sat., Oct. 15 | Reserve | Carrizozo | 1:00pm | JH/V |
| Tues., Oct. 18 | Hondo | Carrizozo | 4:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Fri., Oct. 21 | Animas | Carrizozo | 4:00pm | JH/JV/V |
| Fri., Oct. 28 | Quemado | Quemado | 2:00pm | V |
| Sat., Oct. 29 | Reserve | Reserve | 1:00pm | V |
| Oct. 31-Nov. 5 | Dist. Tourney | TBA | TBA | V |
| Nov. 15-19 | State Tourney | TBA | TBA | V |

EDITORIALS and OTHER STUFF

THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk
by Ruth Hammond

Time to Settle Down and Get to Work

Sometimes people need a nudge to get them to do what they should be doing. Right now is one of those times. People should be following the squirrel in storing winter food away. No, that doesn't mean people should be stocking their larder with food, but people should be stocking their minds with what is best for their own area.

Using the squirrel as a pattern, people need to be aware of the good things the area has to offer and tout those things instead of dwelling on anything that might possibly be not so great. Too many people prefer to dream up a list of things that may or may not be happening and that may or may not ever happen, and declare that they are gospel. Just ask the guy in the t-shirt at one of the quick stops at the main intersection.

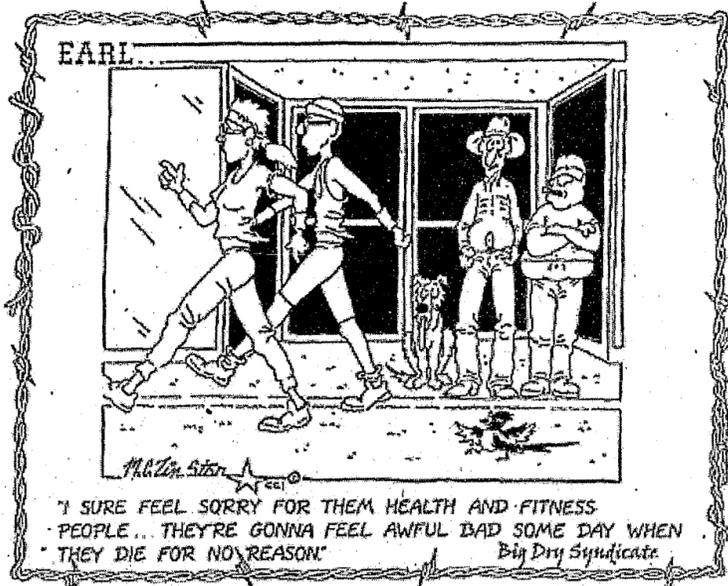
Considering the fact that the t-shirt has nothing to do with anything and that the guy that is wearing the t-shirt doesn't live in Lincoln County and has no plans to ever live in Lincoln County it is interesting that a number of people rely on his words as being the only true words of the area.

Can you imagine allowing an untrained mechanic to perform an engine overhaul of your vehicle? That person might be able to change a tire or add fuel, but it would behoove you to get a trained person for more delicate work. It would also behoove you to listen to people who do know about the area instead of a passer-by who "should know" but doesn't. Each time this person is talked about, without a name or description other than that the person "should know" it causes alarm.

Even if the person "did know" why then is that information kept secret except at times when only a few will hear? Why is that information not out in the open such as at a public meeting? Why is the supposed information mostly bad news? It just might be that this informer doesn't know a thing about what would be best for this area.

Suppose you have a medical emergency and need surgery. It would be in your best interest to obtain the best surgeon possible to perform the surgery and hopefully save your life. It could mean the difference between your life and your death.

Shouldn't you treat your own health as being important? You should also treat the health of where you live as being important and you should get the best information possible. Just do it.



WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The monsoon seasons continues to blanket Lincoln County with some MUCH needed rainfall throughout the upcoming forecast week.

Expect to see temperatures anywhere from 10 to 25 degrees lower than normal for this time of year. Daytime temperatures will be in the 60s across the higher elevations, and from the mid 70s to low 80s at lower elevations. Nighttime temperatures will be solidly in the 50's at all elevations.

Currently there is a cold front moving into New Mexico from the northeast that will be bringing the chances for daily showers and thunderstorms to Lincoln County with moisture from across northern Mexico and the Baja of Mexico.

With the heavy rainfall come more serious dangers of flooding in arroyos, canyons and storm runoff areas. Please exercise caution when driving in these areas.

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

Today, Thursday, September 15

A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 73, windy, with a southeast wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph, winds could gust as high as 40 mph, night: A good chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55, east wind between 5 and 15

* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Powell was beaten by a little known Republican from Las Cruces,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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When You Have the Means

Have to start this week's column with a couple of positive notes -- first off we would like to thank the Carrizozo journalism class and their instructor Sarah Ball for the really nice articles submitted for publication in the NEWS about their school. It's been a while and we do appreciate their excellent work.

The other positive was finding out that the school was making available After School Tutoring to 7th thru 12th grade students. It's a small step in the right direction, but a step no less... although this should not have to be if more solutions were forthcoming from our school board and administrators instead of coming up with ways to shortchange the students and keep the school overstaffed in the administrative positions, or having the incentive to abolish some positions for the good of the students. No, instead they defer to the 4-day week and wait for Santa Fe politicians to bail them out.

In a recent article in the NEWS we found out that Carrizozo students will be in school a grand total of 147 days -- that's not a nine month school year as everyone has been accustomed to believe, but closer to just a little less than five (5) months worth of schooling, and that doesn't even include the shortened days when students only attend classes for half day or less and those days are counted as full days. So our students don't attend class for the nine months that has been pounded into people's minds for ages. That is just a sample when I say that our students are being short changed, not only locally but statewide and every other state in the union. So, Carrizozo jumps on the bandwagon and does what everybody else is doing, with the thinking that a whole bunch of 'wrongs' will eventually be taken as a 'right'. And even though the school district gets smaller and smaller each year 'nothing' is being done about the unnecessary spending on useless positions, and then they get irritated when it is pointed out. Being a small school district should be an advantage for the simple reason that the student to teacher ratio and should be taken advantage of by the people elected and paid to run our schools. That's not happening.

The teacher to student ratio in Carrizozo was said to be at one of the recent school board meetings as being seven or eight to one (might be even less than that this year) while another report said that the state ratio was about 18 to 1. Meantime, New Mexico continues to rank among the worst in the country as far as drop-out numbers and test scores are concerned, including Carrizozo. But instead of finding solutions we are given excuses. Why do we need the excessive administrative personnel for such a small school and why should taxpayers be satisfied with the results of our school being one of the worst in New Mexico? No, I don't think we have anything to celebrate just yet, until the numbers being released by state websites show otherwise. Self-made graphs after only a few weeks of school don't hold any water.

Want to hear something positive you say, what about our football team which is 3-0 going into this week in their first year of competing in 8-man football. Seems that more CAN be done with less! Seems there was a change of heart all of a sudden and someone decided that the financial officer job CAN be handled by one person -- all it takes is a little more dedication and less distractions and presto, the problem is solved! Maybe the same reasoning could be used in deciding how many higher ups we need to run this small school of ours. Something doesn't add up here and needs to be looked into -- when did this excessive overspending and overstaffing start and why was it necessary -- who were the elected officials on our school board then and now who approved all of this? And who were the people being paid the big bucks to run our school that let this happen?

peter aguilar

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE NO. PB-11-22

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
NORMA JO COLEMAN, deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated: July _____, 2011.

CYNTHIA JO LEMONS
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Deceased
103 Dan Swearinger Road
Ruidoso, NM 88345

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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Probate No. PB-2011-21

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH GARCIA, deceased.

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Dated: July _____, 2011.

RICARDO GARCIA
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Estate of Elizabeth Garcia,
Deceased
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Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE NO. PB-11-23

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
KARITA M. DEAN, deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated: July 19th, 2001.

WILLIAM WALTERS DEAN, III
Personal Representative of
the Estate of Karita M. Dean,
Deceased
P.O. Box 2964
Ruidoso, NM 88355

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
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INVITATION TO SUBMIT BID NO. 2011-03
CHIP SEAL ROADS

The Village of Capitan is accepting sealed bids for Single Penetration Chip Sealing of approximately 3.5 miles of roads within the Village limits. Bids will be accepted at the Village Hall at 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM until 2:00 PM, September 19, 2010. A complete bid package may be obtained from the Village Clerk, Kay Strickland, by calling 575-354-2247. Bid packages may also be emailed. The Village of Capitan reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids received.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Cause No. D-1226-CV-2011-00047

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO,
Plaintiff,

v.

GLENN A. BROWN, and JOANN BROWN,
husband and wife, GLENSTAR, LLC, a New
Mexico limited liability company, PNCEF, LLC,
f/k/a NATIONAL CITY COMMERCIAL
CAPITAL COMPANY, LLC, successor by merger
to NATIONAL CITY COMMERCIAL CAPITAL
CORPORATION, STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS,
and
ARIZONA TILE, LLC,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that on October 6, 2011, commencing at 10:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Complex, 313 Cree Meadows Dr., Ruidoso, NM 88345, pursuant to a Stipulated and Summary Judgment and Decree of Foreclosure entered in the above-captioned case on August 30, 2011 (the "Judgment"), the Special Master or her designee will offer for sale and will sell to the highest bidder at the following real property located in Lincoln County:

Tract 7 C, of HISTORIC CREE RANCH
HOMESITES, Lincoln County, New Mexico,
as shown by the Replat of Tract 7 A. Amended
Utility Easement in Tract 7A, 7B and 8B, there
of filed in the office of the County Clerk and
Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New
Mexico, on March 28, 2002, in Cabinet H,
Slide No. 325,

(the "Property").

Pursuant to the Judgment, the Court foreclosed a mortgage lien on the Property, and awarded a judgment to the plaintiff City Bank New Mexico ("City Bank"), in the total amount of \$298,954.78, which includes interest accrued through April 28, 2011 of \$15,194.98, late fees of \$1,419.71, and costs of preserving, protecting the Property of \$629.46, attorneys fees in the amount of \$11,306.95; plus interest after April 28, 2011 of 8.25% per year, plus additional costs of preserving and protecting the property and attorneys' fees until completion of the foreclosure sale (the "Judgment Amount"). Also pursuant to the Judgment, the Court found that the following parties have liens against the Property in the following amounts and priority (a) PNCEF, LLC, second lien, in the amount of \$53,602.21, plus interest on and after August 10, 2011, at the rate of \$20.18 per day; (b) New Mexico Department of Workforce Solutions, third lien, in the amount of \$67.24, plus interest on and after August 23, 2011, at the rate of 1% per month; and (c) Arizona Tile, LLC, fourth lien, in the amount of \$18,876.06, plus interest on and after August 17, 2011, at the rate of \$4.11 per day.

The sale of the Property will be for cash or cash equivalent, payable immediately. City Bank may be a purchaser at the sale and may credit bid, in its sole discretion, the Judgment Amount or any portion thereof, the same as cash. The other junior lien holders may also be the purchaser at the sale and may credit bid amount of their respective lien, or any portion thereof, after paying in cash all senior and prior liens in full.

City Bank may submit to the Special Master a written credit bid prior to the sale. The Special Master is authorized to postpone the sale from time to time without further notice or publication, in her discretion.

Notice is further given that the purchaser at the foreclosure sale shall take title to the Property subject to (i) Glen Brown and Joann Brown's one-month right of redemption, (ii) any existing and prior patents, reservations, restrictions, easements, rights-of-way, and other such matters of record, if any, (iii) any liens or encumbrances not foreclosed in this proceeding, and (iv) accrued and unpaid ad valorem taxes, if any, owed on the Property. The sale described in this Notice is subject to the terms of the Judgment.

Sarah Prothro
1044 Mechem Drive
Ruidoso, NM 88345
Special Master

Submitted by and Inquiries should be directed to:

GARLAND & ASSOCIATES, LLC

By: /s/

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. PB-2011-24
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TOMMY L. FREEMAN AND
SUZANNE McMAKIN FREEMAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Robin L. Nowotny has been appointed personal representative of these estates. All persons having claims against these estates 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 District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

Dated September 7, 2011

Respectfully Submitted by:
GIBSON & LEONARD, P.C..

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Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
No. PB-2011-27
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH ESTELLE DUNCAN, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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Dated: September 2, 2011

Respectfully Submitted by:
GIBSON & LEONARD, P.C.

JulieAnne Leonard
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Inside the Capitol . . .

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

I met Powell in the early 1970s when we served on a task force to study and recommend judicial salary levels. We became close friends during the many years he lobbied for Albuquerque business issues and I lobbied for school employees.

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

In fact, Ray had open heart surgery during the time he was state party chairman and only told people he was taking a little time off. When I learned the truth, I asked him many questions about his experience, especially about how he recognized he had a problem.

I'm not sure why I asked him so many questions or why he answered all of them when he previously had been so reluctant. I'm just glad it happened that way because 10 years later, while out for a walk, I experienced the same symptoms and knew what to do. It still required a bypass but avoided a heart attack.

Ray's son Ray Powell, Jr. was elected state land commissioner this past November. He also held the job from 1993 to 2002. He sought to follow his father's footsteps with a 2002 run for governor. But that was the year of the Bill Richardson steamroller when he wiped out all opposition on his way to his first term as governor.

Valle del Sol . . .

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The Carrizozo Town Council unanimously approved phases five and six of the Valle Del Sol subdivision, its declaration of covenants and disclosure statement, as recommended by the planning and zoning committee.

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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 PhD, Sr. Pastor

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

**ANCHO COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

**CORONA UNITED
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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

**CARRIZOZO
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

Hayden Smith, Pastor
314 10th Avenue,
648-2968 Church or 648-207

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

CARRIZOZO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

**SANTA RITA
CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Carrizozo / Capitan / Corona
213 Birch - Carrizozo, NM 88301
575-648-2853
Fr. Tony Basso, Pastor

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

**CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS
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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.

Fort Stanton Facts . . . and Fiction

by Betty Joiner

Driving down Devils Canyon on Wednesday I was so happy to see all the gramma grass headed out and nearly a foot high. It was so beautiful.

The little cemetery was beautiful with the green grass almost covering the many markers.

It was green all the way to the turnoff at Glencoe. I had to go get some medicine for my mare Flashy who had stepped on two nails on Saturday.

This is so trying for me as I am not a very good doctor. With prayers from many and help from two dear friends I was able to get her on her way to good health. The horse shoer will be here on Saturday and hopefully she will be able to run and play again.

In all this turmoil I found an email sent to me by Ronald, my son, in 2009. Everyone should go to this place and see this video. It is about a dog named after a scripture: Isaiah 30:41. The scripture was what I needed to get thru my trying time with this mare.

Two weeks ago I was so happy to get to spend four days at the National Endurance Ride at the trail head at Fort Stanton.

I was allowed to do a cancellation for the riders with Terese Ray being the reason I wanted to do this. Before she had a heat stroke she rode with these riders in 2000 when Roger Taylor started this ride.

This year one of the ladies rode the 100 mile and left at 4:00 a.m. On Friday morning and finished at 4:00 on Saturday morning.

The radio workers, the five vets, the regular workers entering the people and just all the things needed to be done was so amazing.

Many were glad to learn of the keepsake I gave them with this cancellation on an envelope. The insert was about Terese and her two Arabian mares, Delilah and Maria, who are two of the most wonderful horses I have ever had the pleasure of watching them work. The other amazing thing about these two mares

is it is true that they have a bigger vocabulary than any of Terese Ray's students when she was teaching. Terese taught me how to talk to my two and make them do what I ask.

There was a stud colt at the place to be raffled off for making money to help the group pay for all the food, water and etc. He captured everyone's heart and haven't found out who won him at the drawing.

Two young riders were at the ride and were wonderful kids, along with all the others. I met so many good people and enjoyed all the things I learned from so many of the people from Texas, Utah, Cal, Arizona and many other places.

One lady from Datil was so informative and she and her husband have helped Roger Taylor and Sue for many years put this on.

Everyone should attend this ride each July-just to see what takes place!

The photographer from Estancia took pictures that looked like paintings not photos.

Everyone is wondering what will be the closing dates for the post offices.

I stopped in at Glencoe and found out that Belinda Gutierrez is doing good enough to come back to work soon. She had been in Lubbock with an unknown illness until they discovered it was diabetes and now she is on her way to a full recovery. So glad you will soon be back to work Belinda.

Your clerk Whitney was so kind to me and she did a good job of helping you out.

The farmers country market is doing well at the stand by Shavings place. Wonder where all those goodies come from.

Sure would have liked to have seen all of my old customers. They all made by job as postmaster at Glencoe as the best eight years of my life.

Hope to see Polly Chavez today as I take this over to Peter and Ruth.

Til next time, enjoy this beautiful rain we have had.

Weather Report

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mph.

**Friday,
September 16**

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 77, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 58.

**Saturday,
September 17**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 80, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

**Sunday,
September 18**

Mostly sunny, with a high near 80, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 56.

**Monday,
September 19**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 81, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

**Tuesday,
September 20**

Mostly sunny, with a high near 80, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

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

**Today, Thursday,
September 15**

A very good chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a high near 61, northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south, night: A very good chance of showers, mostly cloudy, with

a low around 51, east wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Friday,
September 16**

A good chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 69, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

**Saturday,
September 17**

A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 72, night: A fair chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

**Sunday,
September 18**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 72, night: A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly cloudy, with a low around 54.

**Monday,
September 19**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, mostly sunny, with a high near 73, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51.

**Tuesday,
September 20**

A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly sunny, with a high near 70, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50.

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

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Open House Kicks Off School Year

On Wednesday, August 31, Carrizozo Municipal Schools held their yearly open house from five to seven. Parents and students congregated in the gym while principal Patti Nesbit introduced new faculty as well as reintroduced old faculty.

In addition, she went over the No Child Left Behind Act and Carrizozo's Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)

report. In her handout to parents she wrote, "Based on the results of this year's academic testing in reading and math, the Carrizozo School District Rating is 'Not Met' and the District Designation is 'Progressing' regarding Adequate District Progress.

By visiting the New Mexico Public Education Department's

website (www.ped.state.nm.us) and clicking on AYP 2011, you can learn more about AYP as well as learn how the school compares to other schools in the district and state.

Following her report, parents could go to each teacher's classrooms and meet them. They could also go to the cafeteria and have hot dogs, chips, cook-

ies, and a drink, compliments of the school board.

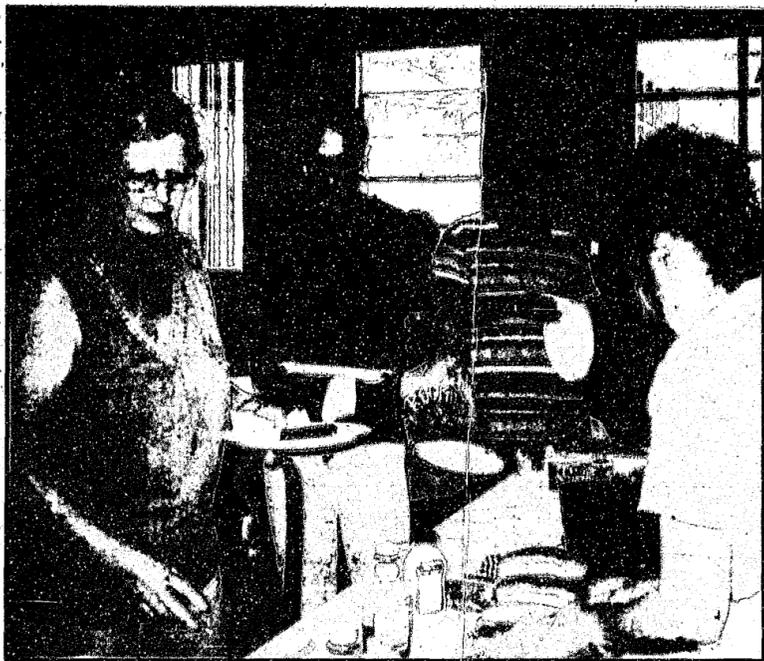
Teachers also made use of the open house.

John Haley, high school Spanish and history, attended his first open house. He learned a lot. He did say the best part was "meeting parents and getting to know more about the students."

Sarah Ball, high school English, also used it to talk to parents and to pass out information concerning the high school after school program.

Eli Avila, third grade, thought the open house went "really well." She was happy to see that six parents came.

Rylah Zamora



Recycling Rolls at C'zozo Schools

On Wednesday, August 19, Junior Rotary members at Carrizozo High School signed up to take over the recycling project at the school, including the elementary and middle school.

Recycling bins have already been distributed to the teachers who wanted to be involved in the program.

During the Junior Rotary meeting students signed up to be in charge of particular rooms or locations, and sort through recycling bins each week, or however often is necessary.

Students have several duties such as letting the teacher know who they are, arranging a schedule with the teacher to check and dump the recyclables, thumbing through the bins and picking out any reusable printer paper and taking out things that don't



GRIZZLY CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER Austin Howard ran solo at the Pecos Valley Invitational in Roswell. Howard ran the 3.2 mile course in 21.07 min. (Courtesy Photo)

belong, disposing the recyclables on Mondays, and putting plastic recyclables in plastic bags in the bins before depositing them in the town containers.

Judy Fitzpatrick, the Carrizozo representative in the Greentree committee for

Greentree Solid Waste Authority, was asked to speak at the Junior Rotary meeting.

The Greentree Solid Waste Authority is the only recyclable collector in Lincoln County.

Fitzpatrick has been recycling in Carrizozo since she

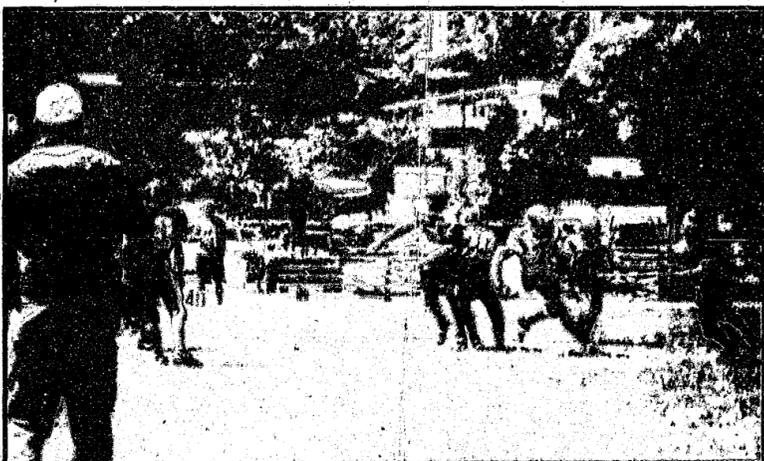
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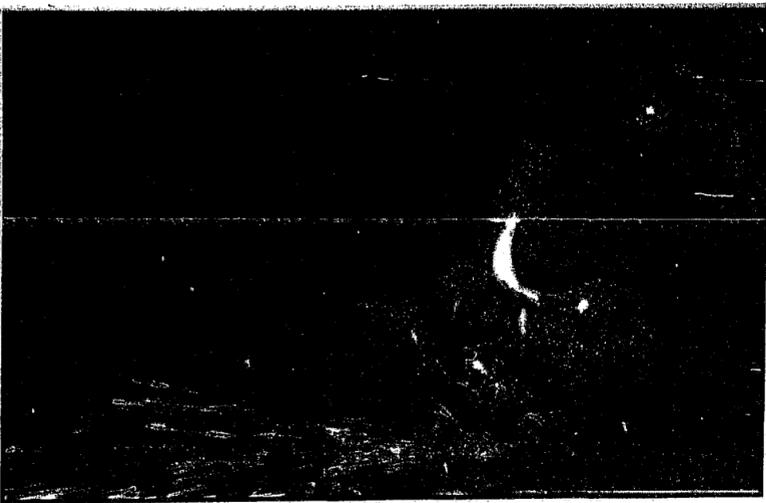
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Mrs. Melanie Gutierrez is New Vocational Ag and FFA Advisor

Melanie Gutierrez was hired at Carrizozo Municipal Schools as the Vocational Ag and FFA adviser. She will be teaching Science of Animal Production, Introduction to Ag, welding, Ag Science, and Ag Exploration.

Gutierrez grew up in Roy, New Mexico, and went to elementary school in Dexter and Roy, and high school in Logan. She went to college at New Mexico State University and got a bachelors degree in Animal Science.

Gutierrez is enrolled in an alternative licensure program and is

working in her masters in Ag Education at NMSU.

She has been married to Wade Gutierrez for six years and has a 19 month old daughter named Kaycee

She recently worked as the Roosevelt County 4-H agent for four years, and before that she was the manager of a hog farm for two years. This is her first year teaching and she likes it.

Gutierrez says she would like to show the younger kids the opportunities that are available to them in agriculture.

Arturo Najera



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arrived in 2006, although recycling in Carrizozo has been available for about 10 years. Fitzpatrick spoke to the members about what and what not to recycle.

Currently, there is no market for glass and the worst to recycle is Styrofoam.

She informed students that the only plastic that can be recycled are rated 1 and 2, which is located on the bottom of the container.

There are five recycling bins in town, and the school will be using the ones behind Clegg Hall.

Many of the teachers are on board with the recycling program.

Eli Avila, third grade, said, "It's healthy for the environment."

Two of the high school teachers, Germaine Joseph-Hays and Roman LaRiva, believe there is so much waste production so we should recycle some of it and that it is costly not to recycle.

Many students are also on board. Austin Vega, fourth grade, feels that he wants to "reuse stuff instead of wasting it." And Tazia Swift, third grade, feels that "It makes the world healthy."

Rylah Zamora

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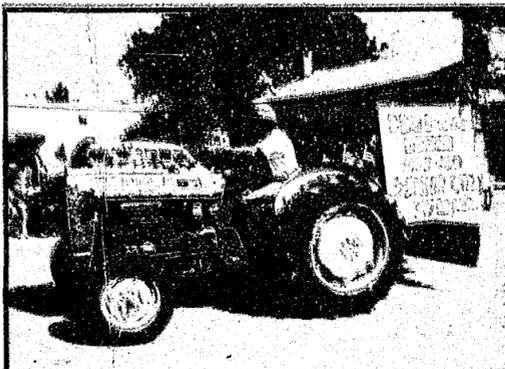
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