

LCMC Administrator Questioned by Minter

by Patrice Brazie

In her ongoing efforts to follow the trail of taxpayer money that Lincoln County applies toward the operation and maintenance of the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) and the health-care clinics in Carrizozo, Hondo and Corona, county commissioner Kathryn Minter had an opportunity to present questions to Al Santos, LCMC administrator, during the October 18th regular

meeting of the board of county commissioners.

County manager Tom Stewart introduced the agenda item by restating a request made in September by county commission chair Eileen Sedillo and Minter to see some kind of documentation explaining operational costs of the clinics prior to approving expenditures each month, but Sedillo offered a disclaimer regarding her involvement in the request.

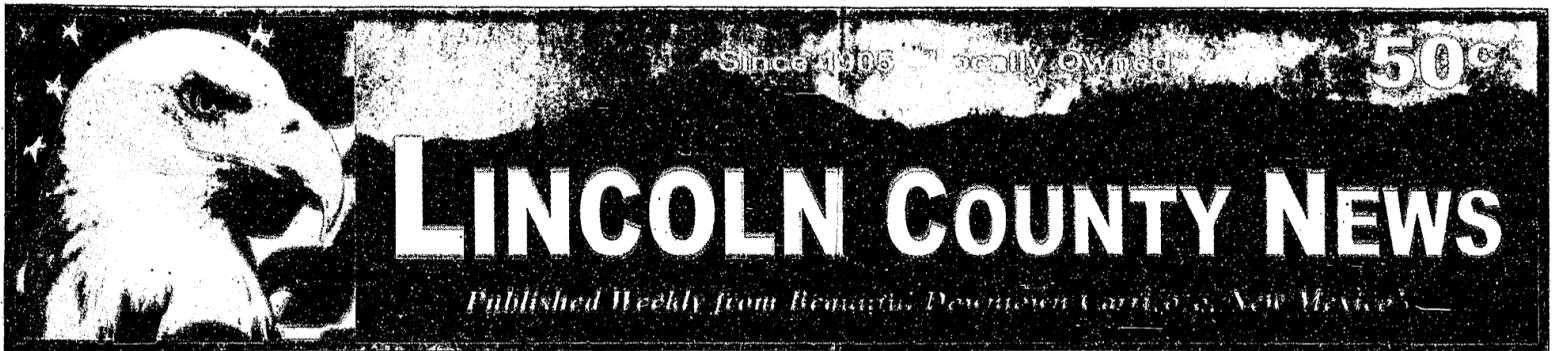
"Before we start, I'd like to say that, at the commission meeting, commissioner Minter was wanting the documentation. I didn't need the information because I know that the information is there," Sedillo said. "I just wanted commissioner Minter to have this piece of paper that basically tells you exactly what each clinic gets, something to satisfy your mind on what the clinics are getting and where those mil levies are going. I just wanted to say that I wasn't

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Veteran's Day



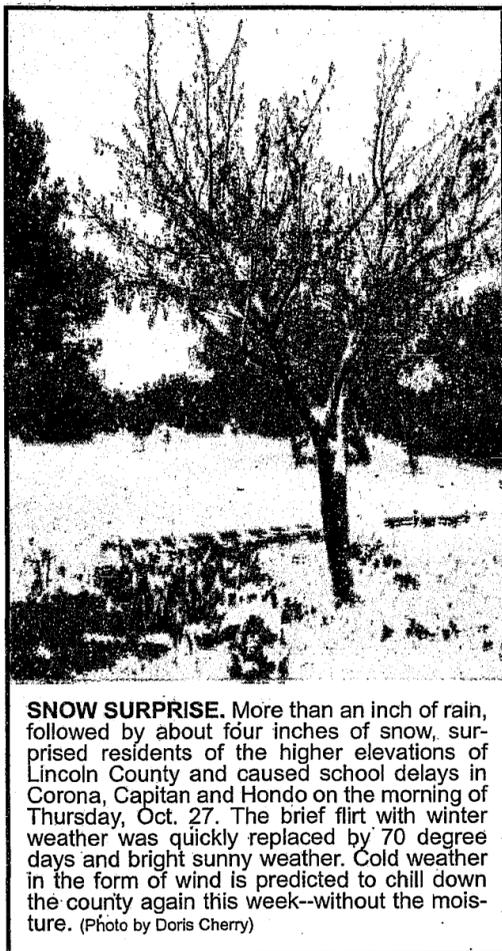
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SNOW SURPRISE. More than an inch of rain, followed by about four inches of snow, surprised residents of the higher elevations of Lincoln County and caused school delays in Corona, Capitan and Hondo on the morning of Thursday, Oct. 27. The brief flirt with winter weather was quickly replaced by 70 degree days and bright sunny weather. Cold weather in the form of wind is predicted to chill down the county again this week--without the moisture. (Photo by Doris Cherry)

New Investigation Focuses on Illegal Forest Slash Dumping in Two County Subdivisions

A recent investigation by several local agencies has resulted in suspensions of work on more than a half dozen forest thinning projects in Alpine Village and the Ranches of Sonterra.

The Capitan State Forestry office, Greentree Solid Waste Authority (GSWA) and the Lincoln County Sheriff's office are investigating numerous landowner complaints regarding improper or illegal disposal of thinned forest material, often amounting to hundreds of cubic yards and thousands of dollars. The investigations are on-going and may expand into additional subdivisions.

A preliminary investigation this week revealed problems with some forest thinning contractors thinning private property in Lincoln County and charging the landowner for disposal.

The agreement with the thinning project, requires contractors to chip back onto the property or otherwise dispose of the slash properly.

Pushing slash onto county or the Village of Ruidoso road right-of-ways, depending on the location, is not proper disposal.

GSWA or VOR then assumes, at public expense, the cost of removal by grapple truck and disposal. The contractor then walks away from the job, pocketing all of the fees. The landowner becomes liable for improper disposal, in many cases, for illegal dumping under the penalty of law.

"A number of county residents are tired of paying for illegal dumping by contractors whether it's construction or forest waste," stated GSWA supervisor Debra Ingle. "We are getting lots of phone calls from landowners wondering if we are going to pick up large amounts of slash for free. We don't."

Ingle went on to say, "State Forestry-funded thinning contracts for landowners pay for and require proper disposal. In some cases, this is not happening."

To correct this problem, the advice to homeowners and/or landowners is simple.

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County Receives Fairgrounds Plan

by Patrice Brazie

During the regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in October, the board received an update from Charles Smith, an architect and designer with the design firm Populous, contracted by the county to come up with a master plan for the future of the Lincoln County Fairgrounds.

The county's property at the fairgrounds site was expanded by 25 acres following a land acquisition about a year ago. Originally, proposed plans for the newly acquired land included a relocation of the county's road maintenance yard.

Smith began by telling the county commissioners that there is a consensus among interested parties that the county's road yard not be moved onto the new land, because of the hazards connected with large trucks and heavy equipment moving about in the vicinity

during events at the fairgrounds and a need for the land to accommodate vehicle parking needs during the four-day, 4th of July weekend, Smokey Bear Stampede rodeo and the county fair held each summer.

In talking with organizers of the rodeo, members of the Lincoln County Fair Board, representatives of the county's extension service and other interested groups, Smith said that the expressed desire for improvements to the fair facilities include a 6,600-square-foot addition to an existing building, referred to as the blue building, to accommodate the bathing of livestock and the construction of an additional 15 or 16 livestock stalls.

The building addition was preferred by fair board members over the option of constructing an entirely new building.

The development of plans for the systematic circulation and flow of foot and vehicle traffic into and out of the site is necessary, and should include an access plan to more easily service the arena, Smith said.

A foyer addition to the exhibition building is proposed to help reduce heating and cooling costs as well as wind and flying insect invasions. The foyer would be constructed with lots of glass to enable viewing of what was going on inside, Smith said.

New signage and non-security, boundary-defining, decorative fencing is proposed to dress-up the fairgrounds entrance.

The existing arena at the fairgrounds would see some clean-up and would be maintained for informal uses while a new arena would host the fairgrounds' main events. A new arena is proposed with 90 covered stalls and additional stock pens.

New parking plans include about 30 spaces for handicapped drivers and configurations to accommodate the trailers and recreational vehicles brought in by participants in the rodeo.

Visitors will exit the parking area

and pass through a ticket booth before entering the new arena, Smith said.

"We're interested in how does this really function and, as you can see, after you come into the ticket booth and the restroom facilities on the back side, the public enters on either side up a ramp. The handicapped seating is on the first ramp area that is also mixed in with the box seating," Smith said.

New horse barns, and what Smith described as minimal concession and restroom facilities are also part of the proposed plan.

He suggested that, for events drawing large crowds, the county will probably want to utilize portable restroom facilities. The

decision to minimize the restroom facilities was prompted by the prohibitive cost of construction and taking into consideration the frequency of events at the fairgrounds, Smith said.

"The number of restrooms that we're suggesting that you build would be those that take care of the handicapped demand and a few others," he explained. "Likewise for the concession space," he continued. "We would build a certain amount of concession space and then we would depend on pop-ups for other concession. We're not building a lot of facility that would be used infrequently."

Smith said that the existing fairgrounds complex covers about

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Cub Scout Pack Is Organized In Capitan

The new Cub Scout Pack 124 at Sacred Heart Church in Capitan is now recruiting leadership, according to Scouting Organizing Committee chair Fred Knapp.

Michelle Ingle of Capitan has volunteered to be the new Assistant Cubmaster and now the committee is actively seeking a Cubmaster to round out the two-deep leadership needed by Scouting units.

A Cubmaster must be at least 21 years of age. He or she agrees to abide by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. A potential Cubmaster possesses the moral, educational, and emotional qualities that Sacred Heart Church, the Capitan community and the Boy Scouts of America deem necessary to afford positive leadership to youth. He or she should be able to communicate well with adults as well as boys and able to delegate responsibilities and set a good example through behavior, attitude, and uniform.

Everything the Cubmaster does is aimed at helping the individual boy. Securing strong leaders, planning den and pack activities, advising other leaders and adult family members — these are all ways in which the Cubmaster affects the kind of Cub Scouting each boy in the pack is offered. The Cubmaster directly influences the lives of individual boys by keeping in mind that boys can become better through Cub Scouting.

Cub Scouting offers three programs to boys from first through fifth grades and their parents.

Tiger Cubs is a year-round family and

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Fall Back!!!

At 2 a.m. Sunday, November 6, Daylight Savings Time ends for the year. Set clocks BACK one hour before going to bed on Saturday night to be on time in the morning. Remember, if you get up at 7 a.m. that will be only 6 a.m. after the time change.

Daylight Savings Time resumes in March, 2012.

Lincoln County Calendar of Events

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

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

TUESDAYS

--Village of Corona Public Library Children's Story Hour 1:30 - 2 p.m. Open to all area kids age Kindergarten - 2nd Grade. Call the Library at 849-5513 for information and directions.

--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, NOVEMBER 3

--Free concert -- Carrizozo Music in the Parks and the Piatigorsky Foundation of NYC are sponsoring a free concert at the Carrizozo School old gym at 1:15 and at 6:30 p.m. at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo. A reception will follow at the church. Both are open to the public.

--The Democratic Party of Lincoln County 4:45 p.m. at La Brewja Cafe at 113 Central Avenue in Carrizozo.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

--Capitan Public Library's 1st Friday adult lecture will honor our Veterans. Please join us at 7:00 p.m. Four of our local veterans will present an inspirational program commemorating this historical day of remembrance. Refreshments will follow.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

--Union Pacific's Steam Locomotive No. 844 will be steaming through New Mexico November 4-9 in honor of the state's Centennial. Visitors can view the train at events and whistle stops in Tucumcari, Santa Rosa, Vaughn, Carrizozo, Alamogordo, Santa Teresa, Deming and Lordsburg. The scheduled stop in Carrizozo will be at 4th and Court on Saturday, November 5, from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m. One of the rail cars that travels with No. 844 has a Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) transmitter. The GPS system is integrated with a map on UP's website. Enter the word "Steam" in the search box on the homepage for a shortcut to the map. Website visitors will be able to access route maps with varying amounts of detail. The GPS system will update the map every five minutes.

--Electronic waste, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Carrizozo City Hall and 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Sierra Mall in Ruidoso. Electronic waste limited to computer parts.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

--Daylight Savings Time ends. Set clocks back one hour.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

--Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon at Roy's.
--Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.
--Corona School Board 6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

--Veterans Breakfast - Carrizozo's Junior Rotary invites all veterans and their spouses to a complimentary breakfast at the Trinity United Methodist Church, from 8 to 10:30. Please come and let us show you our appreciation.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

--Community Thanksgiving dinner 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Everyone welcome. Pickup and delivery available 648-2893.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

--Veterans Day. Most governmental offices closed.
--A brief flag raising ceremony will be held at White Oaks Veterans Memorial at 11 a.m. Light refreshments All welcome, especially veterans and veteran families.

Obituary

William "Bill" Wilson Gallacher, Jr.

William "Bill" Wilson Gallacher, Jr., was born October 18, 1929, to W.W. and Edna Gallacher in Carrizozo, NM. He went to rest in peace on October 30, 2011, with family by his side in Las Cruces, NM, where he was hospitalized. After graduating from Carrizozo High School, he went to New Mexico State University, where he got his B.S. in Agriculture. Soon after, in 1951, he served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. His wife, Joy Gallacher of 51 years, survives Bill. He is also survived by his daughter Debra Grymko and husband Chuck, his son Gray Gallacher and wife Kellie, and daughter Lynn Howard and husband Bill. He enjoyed and spent time with his six grandchildren. His sister Jane Shafer and husband Bobby, and younger sister Anne Ferguson and husband Wally and their families consisting of nephews and nieces and their families also survive him.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo, NM, on Friday, November 4, 2011, at 11:00 A.M. with graveside services immediately following in White Oaks. A dinner will follow services at Trinity United Methodist Church and graveside services.

Bill Gallacher was a Mason, an outdoorsman, and was a lifelong

member of Trinity especially football and United Methodist Church, and worked hard in the local Soil Conservation Service. Bill was fond of sports. Beloved by family and friends, he worked on his ranch and cared for all until the end of his days.



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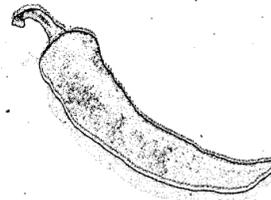
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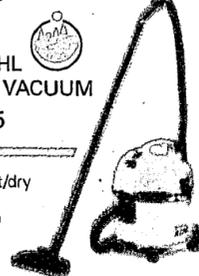
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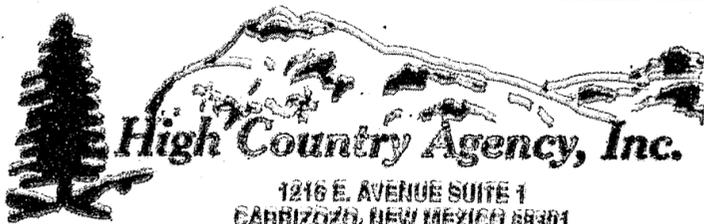
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County Receives Fairgrounds . . .

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seven of the county's 33 acres there; a house and storage building on the new portion of the land take up another acre. After the creation of handicapped parking space and excluding some land along a creek bed that is undevelopable, the plan allows for about 13 acres for visitor and contestant parking.

Getting around to the estimated cost of the proposed fair-ground improvements, Smith said that figures were based on past project costs and with-

out the benefit of any detailed architectural drawings.

"We've made a series of assumptions in estimating the cost," he added.

The estimated cost of the 6,600 square foot addition is around \$330,000, with the total cost of upgrading existing space and structures running around \$520,000, Smith said.

The new 3,000-seat, covered arena with restrooms and concession space is estimated to cost

\$4,200,000; additional construction associated with the new arena, including the horse barn, would raise the total cost of the arena facility by another million-or-so.

Visitor parking will cost another \$520,000 with the only paved parking being in the handicapped-accessible space. Parking pads and utility hook-ups for 44 recreational vehicles adds another \$1,100,000. The total estimated cost of completion of the proposal presented as the fairgrounds' master plan is \$6,730,000, not including soft costs and contingencies.

Costs are almost guaranteed to increase long before the county is able to implement the plan, but construction can be completed in stages.

County commissioner Kathryn Minter said that she'd prefer to see the plan include enough space to accommodate ample restroom facilities so that there would be no need for portable units.

When Smith again explained that the idea of minimal restroom facilities was based on the infrequency of events at the fairgrounds, Minter said that she would like to

see an event there every weekend of the year.

Smith said that each restroom stall requires about 45 square feet of floor space at the cost of \$150-\$200 per-square-foot.

A representative of the fair board, Chad Cox, said that the plan was considered to be more of a wish-list at this point, and commented on the value of having a plan by which to proceed eventually, because it would help avoid costly mistakes down the road when the county is better able to finance the projects.

When asked by county commission chair Eileen Sedillo if the fair board was planning lots of events to raise funds for improvements, Cox said "we'll get right on that" and laughed.

The board of county commissioners unanimously voted to accept the fairgrounds master plan as presented by Populous.

Minter asked that final payment for services provided by Populous be withheld pending the inclusion of some additional and more specific information regarding construction costs and materials used.

Cub Scout Pack Is Organized . . .

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home centered program that encourages ethical decision-making skills for first grade (or 7-year-old) boys.

Tiger Cubs participate in the program with their adult partners. The program emphasizes shared leadership, learning about the community, and family understanding.

Cub Scouts is a year-round family and home-centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for boys in the second through fifth grade (or who are 8, 9, and 10 years old). Activities emphasize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Webelos Scouts is a year-round family and home centered program that develops ethical decision-making skills for fourth- and fifth-grade (or 10-year-old) boys.

The Scouting Organizing Committee feels very strong about bringing these valuable programs back to the boys of Capitan.

For more information, contact Committee Chair Fred Knapp at 336-4766 or email to Knapp1@wildblue.com.

Capitan Public Library's 1st Friday Adult Lecture Will Honor Our Veterans

The public is invited to attend the Capitan Public Library's First Friday adult lecture on Friday, November 4 at 7:00 p.m.

Veterans Day is observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. This remembrance not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

Four of our local veterans will present an inspirational program commemorating this historical day of remembrance.

Refreshments will follow.

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 . . .

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Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

Mrs. S.E. Wells

Our neighbor was a Frenchman - "Frenchie," he was called. He came from France in 1882. He lived all alone, built a good road through his land and tried to make us pay toll. He built a nice rock house, hauling all the rocks in a wheelbarrow. It had steps going to the loft and there was a trap door. He was so afraid of robbers, these steps were set right into the wall beside his fireplace. He had a lovely garden and carried the produce to town on his old black horse. He went from house to house peddling the vegetables. One day he stopped at a lady's house (she had just come from the east.) He asked her if she would like some lambquarter (a wild plant and similar to spinach; the old timers gathered it in the spring and the green leaves were boiled and eaten.) This lady asked him, seriously, if it was a front or a hind quarter. He thought she was making fun of him and went away swearing. Frenchie must have been in his nineties when he died.

Our brands were KV and FAW. Cattle interests at that time were all OK. The range was open to all cattlemen. There would be big round-ups at the McBee place. They would gather cattle for a hundred miles around. Billy the Kid camped at White Oaks Springs for a while, but only a short while.

White Oaks got its name from the white oak trees at our place. A Mr. Rhienbolt went from house to house peddling water that he hauled from the springs. Finally a few wells were drilled and cisterns built in White Oaks. The well water was very hard.

Dances were always quiet and peaceful. No drinking was allowed and a girl wouldn't dance with a young man if he had been drinking. The Good Templars had a fine lodge there and held weekly meetings and everyone helped to make the meetings interesting.

We got the first piano that came to White Oaks. It belonged to Mr. Ozane who owned the Ozane Hotel. He sold the piano to us for \$500. We all learned to play it and when the girls moved to El Paso to go to school we shipped it there.

I think Carrizozo came to life about 1900. White Oaks didn't get the railroad as some of the moneyed men tried to hold the railroad company up, so they just went around White Oaks. So most of the houses built of lumber were moved to Carrizozo, even the old Methodist church bell. In fact, Carrizozo was really made from White Oaks people and their homes.

I love White Oaks and always will. All my children were born there. It has one of the best climates in the world.

THE END

New Investigation Focuses on Illegal Forest Slash Dumping

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Continue thinning your land, but do not pre-pay the contractor for disposal until material is disposed of and the contractor can produce a receipt from legitimate disposal sites. There are currently four approved disposal sites in Lincoln County: Bio-Grind Inc., GSWA, Sierra Contracting and White Mountain Composting, all located along Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs. Each site will issue a receipt for material disposal that can be presented to the landowner for final payment.

As part of its regular solid waste service, GSWA will pick up and dispose of 12 cubic yards of slash for homeowners that pay a quarterly trash bill and are located within the yard waste service area. If the slash goes beyond the initial 12 yards or if the clean-up area is on a vacant lot, the landowner must make disposal arrangements by contacting the GSWA office.

If material shows up along a county or village road and is identified as not being from the adjacent property owner, then the landowner and contractor are liable for citations and fines.

For more information on slash removal arrangements, call 378-4697, ext. 23, view the GSWA website www.greentreeswa.org or follow slash removal recycling on Twitter @greentreeswa.org

Within the Village of Ruidoso, landowners should follow the Organic Waste Removal requirements on the VOR website, <http://ruidoso-nm.gov>.

Landowners can also hire a private company to collect, load and haul forest slash to a legitimate disposal site.

For more general information on solid waste disposal, recycling or reuse, contact the Greentree Solid Waste Authority office at 378-4697; toll free at 1-877-548-8772; email at gswa@greentreeswa.org; or on Twitter.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk
by Ruth Hammond

Will arrest be on the agenda?

An out of state reader of the Lincoln County News, and yes we do have out of state readers and they do want to know about happenings that are reported in the News, anyway an out of state reader called and asked about a previous situation from this column. The reader asked if this writer had been arrested. Apparently this column mentioned the fuel tanks that were placed on Carrizozo School property, actually the two tanks, each 2,500 gallons were located immediately next to a school building. This column objected to the fuel tanks being placed where they were.

The next thing was that when a meeting was held at the school there were two law enforcement officers at the door complete with badges and guns. As there were no comments made by the officers to the school personnel entering the building and no comments to the four local residents and no comment to one person who often asks questions that school officials won't answer, there was only one logical supposition as to why the law was there. We assumed it was because school officials were unhappy about what had been written in this column.

That may have been incorrect but what should we have thought? If the law was there to arrest this writer, the only problem was that this writer was the sole caregiver of a terminal homebound hospice patient. Being tossed in jail was not an option at that time.

Even if the assumption was incorrect, we have repeatedly asked for assurance that the law officers were not waiting to arrest this writer. The situation at home has changed but this writer would like assurance that an immediate arrest is not on the agenda. Several people have insisted that this writer is being foolish and many have offered to have a school board member assure this writer that an arrest is not pending.

Many weeks have passed and not one school board member has said anything which leads us to believe this writer will not be arrested.

Perhaps it is not realistic but one person in town was escorted off school property by a law officer and that person is not allowed on school property. If it happened to one, why not another?

There was a time when everyone was welcome to attend school functions. Not so now. What has happened? Someone please answer.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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To be considered for publication, all letters must be original. No copies or form letters will be used. While preference is given to letters received in digital format, typed or hand-written letters, if legible, are also considered. Letters sent by email as an attached Microsoft Word document are most preferred.

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

"Thank You Letters" are considered as advertising and will not be accepted as Letter to the Editor.

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

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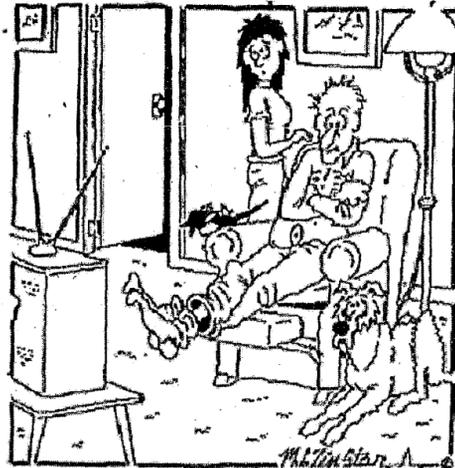
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"Ya Know, Them People That Are In Charge Of TV Programs Need Dirtier Hands And Cleaner Minds!"

Big Dry Syndicate

* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Are New Mexicans about to get the same story: second verse? During Susana Martinez's year-long quest for the governor's office, no one talked publicly about the possibility of her being the GOP vice-presidential nominee two years hence. It is now in the news that her name has been mentioned for the vice-presidential slot.

Late in the primary campaign, it became very obvious that state and national GOP leaders had pegged her as their favorite.

Those of us not in the party structure were very surprised to see her crush four other candidates badly at the Republican pre-primary nomi-

nating convention in March.

In late May, we were even more surprised to see huge out-of-state cash donations rolling into the Martinez campaign and a reprimand of her closest competitor by the state party brass.

Martinez produced another lopsided victory margin in the June primary. But with a campaign account severely depleted by a bruising primary, the general feeling was that she would be swamped by Lt. Gov. Diane Denish's \$2 million war chest with which she was starting her campaign.

But Susana didn't miss a step. Her money kept rolling in, much of it

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WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

Lincoln County is going to be on the receiving end of some cold weather this upcoming forecast week.

There is a cold front moving into New Mexico, bringing with it cold winds out of the south that along with the clear night skies will bring nighttime temperatures to near and slightly below freezing across the higher elevations.

Nighttime temperatures for the lower elevations will be from right around freezing to the low 40's.

Daytime temperatures will be solidly in the 50s at all elevations.

Friday there will be a slight chance of showers and snow showers in the late afternoon and evening hours.

Sunday is the change for daylight savings time once again, so please remember to set your clocks back one hour to start your Sunday morning. Keep in mind the old adage, spring ahead, fall back, for daylight savings time.

About the only constant Lincoln County will see in the com-

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Letter to the Editor

EDITOR -- Well, well the events in the last two weeks certainly confirm many of our suspicions. From what I understand, Mr. Ferguson pretty much "knew" he would be voted in as school board president; flipped open his little notebook right after the confirmation to present his new regime; nothing like being prepared and knowing prior to the public meeting that you're "in". Completely unethical, but oh well not too much that has transpired in recent months with the present administration and the veteran school board members that has followed policy or ethics, so I am honestly not surprised at all.

I want to address statements made at the school board meeting in which I wasn't present for because I was told that my request to be placed on the agenda had been denied. These statements were brought to my attention by many of the individuals that attended. Funny, how my name was announced even though I wasn't there; I was told repeatedly the week following the school board meeting that my request had been denied and there would not be any public input. Nice way to "save face". Statements were made in the meeting that we are "bullying and are hateful"; really how is it bullying or hateful to hold those individuals who are elected into these positions accountable for their behavior; especially when their behavior is quite obviously unethical and quite frankly breaking the law. It was more than apparent that discussions took place prior to the recent school board meeting; the whole event was staged. Did the entire board approve the manner in which the public was handled? Shame on you for stating that this veteran board has done a "good" job; a good job at losing close to \$80,000 that should have gone to our children; a good job of manipulating the system to ensure that their children excel at

school, extracurricular events and systematically ensuring that their indiscretions are overlooked or "swept under the rug" per say; a good job of overlooking overspending by the superintendent; a good job by NOT reviewing the budget/check registers/ ensuring where our school's money is being spent correctly. Honestly, I would have to argue that your definition of a "good job" is somewhat lacking.

Mr. Ferguson knew coming into the meeting that he would be elected into the position of president! These four veteran board members are not only meeting outside the monthly meeting; they are making decisions without the public, the entire board being present, or without regard to their own ethics or policies. There is nothing unethical, hateful or bullying about a citizen/citizens expecting and demanding that our elected officials perform in the manner that upholds their stated policy and ethics. There is nothing hateful or bullying about stating the facts to the public. That is defined as "awareness". If those veteran board members do not want these facts to be published then maybe they need to examine their behaviors, practices and change them or resign their positions in office.

Considering the state of our economy and the continued statements regarding budget constraints; how is it possible that this much money is missing from our budget; how is it possible the four adults who were elected to manage and oversee spending at our school have allowed such a devastating loss to occur? How is it possible that the parents and this community continue to allow such incompetence?

Just this past week, I was present at the school for several hours; spoke with a few of the teachers at the school. I was amazed that neither the principal nor the Dean of Students was in

the hallway at the high school when the bell rang. Our Dean of Students was in the office; the principal was not to be found; students standing around groping each other; cussing; talking about drugs and drinking. Coach Ventura and Coach Holland were attempting to monitor and address disrupting behaviors, but not those who are hired and paid excessive amounts of money to "manage" the student population. We have a student population of roughly 140 students; a third of that total is in the high school; how is it possible for our school to have the disciplinary, drug and alcohol problems; failing rates that it has? It was brought to my attention that our Dean of Students is far too busy running around the school attempting to get the superintendent fired; in fact, I have it on good information (the person is willing to confirm what they heard at the upcoming school board meeting) that they overheard the Dean of Students defaming our former superintendent to a number of the teachers. And when she realized this gentleman had overheard her; she became very condescending and hateful to him, so if this is her behavior with a Hispanic adult male it is not unlikely that our children are being treated the same way!! Why isn't this individual doing her job? Why is she being allowed to run all over campus promoting her own agenda?

Why is it that the general consensus in this school is that you "sink or swim"? Where is the remediation for those students that are struggling? Why is the focus ONLY on the students who are successful? Why don't we have a guidance counselor? Quite obviously, we have some real issues in this school; drugs, alcohol, behavioral issues, unruly classrooms. These are external symptoms to an internal problem, but yet we aren't doing anything to intervene for these

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students. Oh, and allow me to clarify something; that award that was received for preparing our students for college with taking the ACT [it was publicized on Channel 13 news at noon a couple of weeks ago]; we received the "bronze" award; which means there was a silver and gold awards presented. Furthermore, it isn't very difficult to prepare roughly 6 students in the senior class, so if three showed up to take the ACT; that's 50%, Come on! Just how ignorant to do you think we are.

This is the type of behavior that has disrupted our school for years. We don't have nor have we ever had a "strong" administration; to put power hungry; ego seeking, overbearing individuals in their place; the professionals that are being paid to run our schools are too busy running around promoting their own agendas, instead of focusing on educating our children. This isn't a popularity contest..... This is our children's education.

Here are some interesting facts regarding our Carrizozo Municipal School Board of Education policy:

100.1 All children have equal moral, social and economic worth.

Really, because it is quite apparent that if your moral, social or economic "clock" doesn't tick to the same beat as certain professionals who are running the school, well, your child is just out of luck because there won't be any remediation for them, no outside counsel for them.

100.2 There are numerous differences which exist among children, and all children should have the opportunity to cultivate their native capacities and become effective, contributing members of our democratic society without discrimination with race, national origin, religion, sex or disability.

Really, there are a number of students that feel they have been discriminated against in the school; for the most part, I am told repeatedly "there are a set of rules for the select few and then there are the "rules" for us. There is a member of this community that has a health disparity and cannot receive a public education because the school refuses to hire a school nurse. Democratic? There is nothing democratic about how the school board or the school is functioning.

100.3 The primary purpose of the public schools is to provide an educational environment which provides strong basic skills as well as encourages creative and experimental activities.

Really, well why haven't our students in elementary passed AYP; why are our students not meeting the national requirements in reading and math. We have a student to teacher ratio of 7:1; that's seven students to one teacher; the national average is 16:1. How is it plausible that we are not meeting AYP? And folks, know this, there will be a new national criteria for "grading" schools; we are failing miserably now. Where will that leave us in the future?

100.5 Paramount attention will be given to the academic program of children in kindergarten, first, second and third grade. Many of the problems that occur later on in the academic careers of students can be prevented if they are remedied in the early grades.

When I read this, I literally almost fell out of my chair. Refer to the above statement.

100.6 Constant communication between the public schools and the community is imperative. The schools must provide services and programs which have been identified by the community as important and which will provide the community with informed, self-reliant, and self-sustaining individuals.

Wow! This is comical. Didn't the board just pass a motion that there won't be any more public input? Mr. Ferguson had members of the community fill out a sheet; he picked what questions would be answered; when did this type of censorship become acceptable? I am pretty sure that the community has never been consulted regarding what we deem as important for our children and when we attempt to address the board or the administration; we are accused of being hateful or bullies. The school board members sit up there and doodle, giggle with each other as to imply that we are ridiculous; roll their eyes; play with their computers. Oh, they appoint their little committees, but guess what the Dean of Students is on every committee at the school and has pivotal input of who is placed on these committees and you can bet your house that it isn't anyone who has a differing opinion about how issues should be addressed. And now, it has become acceptable to STOP all public input. Again, I would state, how is it acceptable for these individuals to impose their rules, regulations, moral convictions on us and our children, but yet not abide by their own set of standards!!!!!!

100.11 The Carrizozo Municipal Schools FAIR but firm disciplinary policy to govern students' void of arbitrary and capricious standards which would establish double standards. Students should be vested with rights and responsibilities so as to start building a strong foundation for determining right and wrong.

This one I find almost absurd considering recent events at the school. I seem to recall that there were two individuals with a weapon that warm summer evening after football practice. In fact, from what I understand from eyewitness testimony (WHICH HAPPENS TO BE MY TWO SONS), the other student was the first one to pull out a weapon; that student has NEVER been disciplined for this. I recently received an anonymous letter in the mail from the school (was in a school envelope) regarding an incident that happened last year during the state FFA trip in Las Cruces; three students treated another student maliciously, in fact, these three students blatantly and knowingly disobeyed the rules for "traveling and staying in a motel room" while on an out of town school function. It is this individual's [who wrote the letter] opinion that these students have never been punished and two of these same students were allowed to participate in another FFA trip.

My children came home and stated that one of the teachers was drugged unknowingly by two students. She had a reaction to "whatever" was in the food that was given to her, anaphylaxis is a life threatening adverse health event and could be deadly; did you know as of Monday these two students have been suspended! Suspended, not expelled! I was told that they had to prove what was in the "brownies"; are you kidding me, a pregnant woman has a reaction to something that was given in a brownie by two students!! We wanted to hang Nicholas Chavez on a cross for accidentally discharging a weapon at school, but two individuals knowingly, willingly and maliciously put a chemical substance into brownies in an effort to alter this teachers level of consciousness, at school (during Home Ec class) we have to confirm that substance; it doesn't matter that she had a violent reaction to it or that it could have permanently harmed her and her unborn child. This was done with intent! There have been numerous accounts of certain students being allowed to "escape" disciplinary action regarding school dress code, behavior issues, fighting, and language; here is another example.

Essentially, depending on WHO you are determines HOW you will be punished. The Dean of Students single handedly determines who has character, value, moral content and is deserving of awards/rewards as well as disciplinary actions!

Has anyone asked these questions, why has the tradition of homecoming changed so drastically over the years? When will our students be having their homecoming dance? When will the junior high be having their fall dance? It has been brought to my attention, that one person has decided when ALL of these events will occur or won't occur.....The Dean of Students. How did this position incite so much power? How did we as a community of parents allow this to happen? THIS, as well as every other event described in this letter IS A DOUBLE STANDARD and it is happening week after week after week; school year after school year. If you read the above school board policy; that's a violation! Oh, I forgot these individuals aren't supposed to follow the rules; they just get to impose them unfairly on those who they deem as "unacceptable".

If anything in this letter has given you cause for concern; if you or your children have experienced this type of abuse; racism or injustice from certain individuals at the school/school board; if you have seen or heard of school board members abusing their positions; I encourage you to contact the New Mexico Public Education Department, Matthew Montoya, special investigator; you can do this online and anonymously; state your grievance. It is not enough to sit and talk about these events any longer; we must take action against these injustices. We can no longer allow this misuse of position and misguidance of so called "power/position". Our children deserve better!

DEBORAH VENTURA, BSN, RN
Carrizozo, NM

Weather Report . . .

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ing days is the winds will be returning, bringing with it the colder temperatures.

There are 51 shopping days until Christmas.

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

Today, Thursday, November 3

Sunny, with a high near 51, calm wind becoming southwest between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34, south wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, November 4

Sunny and windy, with a high near 61, night: A slight chance of showers, partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 41.

Saturday, November 5

Mostly sunny and windy, with a high near 51, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.

Sunday, November 6

Sunny, with a high near 56, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Monday, November 7

Mostly sunny, with a high near 57, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Tuesday, November 8

Sunny, with a high near 52, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

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

Today, Thursday, November 3

Sunny, with a high near 51, calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33, south wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, November 4

Mostly sunny and windy, with a high near 60, night: A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy and windy, with a low around 38.

Saturday, November 5

Sunny and windy, with a high near 51, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30.

Sunday, November 6

Sunny, with a high near 53, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35.

Monday, November 7

Mostly sunny, with a high near 56, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Tuesday, November 8

Mostly sunny, with a high near 47, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

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

The New 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 for any area of the state.

Inside the Capitol . . .

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from outside the state. It was obvious the national folks really liked her and felt she could win and guarantee Republicans some cover in the legislative and congressional redistricting.

The day after the November 2 general election, it finally dawned on us folks out in the stacks that GOP leaders had bigger plans for Susana.

National blogs, and soon newspapers, were alive with speculation about Martinez as the perfect GOP vice presidential candidate in 2012. Then it was national news once again.

After watching George W. Bush capture 40 percent of the Hispanic vote, Republicans realized an Hispanic on the ticket might carry some real weight. They also found themselves doing better with women than usual.

Wow. What if we could find an Hispanic woman of sufficient stature? That would make us difficult to beat. Hey, I hear the New Mexico Republicans have an Hispanic woman in their gubernatorial primary. Let's take a look at her.

So now Susana is on everyone's short list for vice president in 2012. She's being invited all over the country to appear on panels about new faces in the Republican Party. Could we be in for another partly or mostly absent governor in our future?

You know the rest. She'll deny her interest and tell us she only cares about New Mexico. But she'll keep going to meetings out of state. And maybe she might do some things in New Mexico that will look good on the national stage.

Richardson immediately started setting himself apart with "bold initiatives." He became a tax-cutting Democrat. The RailRunner commuter train and other environmental initiatives made him "The Greenest Governor." And he took a leadership role on immigration.

Watch for the same types of action from Martinez.

Grooming Gov. Martinez for a vice-presidential role is that she has reportedly said throughout her life that she wants to be president.

She could have had the GOP nomination for state attorney general in any recent election but she had her goal set higher.

VETERAN'S DAY

IN WHITE OAKS



AT THE

WHITE OAKS VETERAN'S MEMORIAL

A brief flag raising ceremony will be at
11:00 am, November 11th

A light refreshment will be served

ALL WELCOME

ESPECIALLY VETERANS AND VETERAN FAMILIES

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
LINCOLN COUNTY
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Cause No. CV 2011-302
Division III

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF RUIDOSO,
n/k/a FIRST NATIONAL BANK,
a National Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.

RUDY F. LOYA, JR. a/k/a RUDY LOYA,
Defendant.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

TO: RUDY F. LOYA, JR. a/k/a RUDY LOYA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiff has filed a Complaint For Foreclosure Mortgage a cause wherein you are named as the Defendant.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the general object of this action is to foreclose on the mortgage on your home. Please take further notice that if you intend to contest this action, you must respond to the Complaint by December 1, 2011.

Failure to respond within that time shall be treated as a default and a default judgment will be submitted to the Court.

JOHN R. HAKANSON, P.C. /s/
John R. Hakanson
Attorney for Plaintiff
307 E. Eleventh Street
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310
505/437-2874

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
NO. CV-11-226

NEW MEXICO RANCH SALES, LLC,
a New Mexico limited liability company,
Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY T. GREENE, et al.,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on Friday, November 18,

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2011, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301, the Court appointed Special Master, Sarah Prothro will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described real estate situate in Lincoln County, State of New Mexico, to-wit:

Parcel 145 of VALLE DEL SOL SUBDIVISION PHASE TWO (2) located within the Town of Carrizozo, as shown on that certain Plat recorded on January 28, 2008, at 8:00 a.m. in Cabinet J and Slide 56 as reception # 200800656 of the records of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

This sale is to be held pursuant to and in accordance with the Default Judgment filed in the above-entitled cause on October 13, 2011, wherein the Plaintiff, New Mexico Ranch Sales, LLC, was granted Judgment over and against Defendants Mary T. Greene, Trustee of the Mary T. Greene Separate Property Trust Dated August 19, 2003, Mary T. Greene, and Gary L. Greene, and against the real property and improvements described herein in the total amount of Thirty-Six Thousand Four Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Nineteen Cents (\$36,418.19), which amount includes interest, Plaintiff's attorney fees and court costs. The total amount in addition to the above includes any property taxes due and owing through the date of sale, plus costs of sale, all as provided in the judgment.

Notice is further given that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold as is and without warranty of any kind, and subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due, and the one month right of redemption provided in the Judgment. Notice is finally given that should the Plaintiff herein bid and/or become the purchaser of said real estate and improvements at the foreclosure sale, Plaintiff may use any part of its judgment granted herein and heretofore as credit against the purchase price should it be the highest bidder, and the Plaintiff or the purchaser at the Foreclosure Sale, shall be entitled to immediate possession of the real property (and any improvements) more particularly described herein. Questions regarding this sale should be directed to Robert N. Singer, Esq., The New Mexico Law Group, P.C., attorney for Plaintiff and Judgment Creditor, at (505) 842-5500.

Dated: October 19, 2011

THE NEW MEXICO LAW GROUP, P.C.
By: /s/
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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-1226-CV-2011-00213

WASHINGTON FEDERAL,
(formerly known as First Federal Bank),
A federally chartered savings bank,
Plaintiff,

v.

ESTATE OF JAMES J. DELORETTO, deceased,
and MARY E. WEST, individually and as Personal Representative of the Estate of James J. DeLoretto,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The properties are more commonly known as Tract 10 and Tract 12 of Eagle Crest Subdivision, Nogal, New Mexico 88341, in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 10:

Tract 10 of Eagle Crest Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof file in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, July 13, 2007, in Cabinet 1, slide no. 756.

and

Tract 12:

Tract 12 of Eagle Crest Subdivision, Lincoln County, New Mexico as shown by the plat thereof file in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, July 13, 2007, in Cabinet 1, slide no. 756.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a default judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on September 23, 2011, being an action to foreclose mortgages on the above-described properties.

For Tract 10, the Default Judgment, which includes interest and costs through September 12, 2011, is \$161,757.73 and the same bears interest at 8.375% per annum, or \$33.53 per diem, from September 13, 2011, to the date of sale, plus the costs of sale, including Special Master's fee, publication costs, Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance and keeping the property in good repair. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,682.40.

For Tract 12, the Default Judgment, which includes interest and costs through September 12, 2011, is \$143,638.44 and the same bears interest at 8.875% per annum, or \$31.31 per diem, from September 13, 2011, to the date of sale, plus the costs of sale, including Special Master's fee, publication costs, Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance and keeping the property in good repair. The amount of such interest to the date of sale will be \$2,504.80.

The Plaintiff and/or its assignees have the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser(s) at the sale takes the properties subject to, the valuation of the properties by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the properties, if any, environmental contamination on the properties, if any, and zoning violations concerning the properties, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser(s) at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to a one month right of redemption.

Dated: October 27, 2011

Original Signed by Special Master

PETER BACA
Special Master
Post Office Box 215
Carrizozo, NM 88301

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LCMC Administrator Questioned by . . .

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needing this, but I'm glad we got it," she said. "I hope that (provides) what you need as far as the clinics go," she told Minter.

Stewart explained that the LCMC administrators submit their annual request for county generated funding in May. The funding is approved by the board of commissioners as they prepare the annual budget for the county, and the approved funding is divided into increments that are paid out monthly.

He warned that a change in the process, a review of the clinics' expenditures each month prior to payment approval, could not only cause delays in the payment schedule but would potentially be a violation of the county's agreements with the healthcare service providers.

In its lease agreement with Presbyterian Healthcare Services (PHS), the corporation contracted to operate the medical center and clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and the new clinic in Capitan, the parties agree to meet annually to review the scope and availability of services provided at LCMC, Stewart said.

The agreement also says that the county and PHS can use the voter-approved 3.0 mil levy funding for the purpose of "operating and maintaining the clinics and the hospital facilities and services, constructing, remodeling, renovating and making additions to the clinics and the hospital including new and replacement capital equipment acquisitions, and any other purpose to which PHS and the county mutually agree".

As long as PHS consents to it, the county can also apply a portion of the mil levy funds to its indigent healthcare fund.

The county also agrees to make its best effort to participate in and fund the Sole Community Provider program, which reaps three dollars of federal funding for every dollar contributed by the county and is used to support small, rural hospitals that meet program requirements.

According to LCMC administrators, Sole Community Provider funds are used to offset the financial draw on hospital resources resulting from providing care to indigent, uninsured and under-insured patients.

The agreement between the county and PHS mandates that PHS will provide the county with an audited annual report that details the receipts and expenditures of mill levy proceeds for the previous year.

PHS is further mandated to supply a planned budget in its annual request for taxpayer funding. That planned budget must explain the planned usage of the funding for the coming year.

The agreement also says that "PHS shall prepare such additional reports as the county from time to time will reasonably require".

In the past as well as currently, hospital administrators, LCMC board members and some county commissioners have adamantly stated that specific details about PHS expenditures for things like clinic staff salaries are proprietary and unavailable for public review.

Minter said that she hadn't requested a report every month from PHS, and that even a slightly more detailed annual accounting of clinic expenditures would satisfy her request for information.

Santos told the county commissioners that he didn't think anyone could present the intricate and complex nature of healthcare funding in a single document, but he was willing to sit down with one or all of them and answer more detailed questions if they found it to be necessary.

Minter asked Santos to explain something

called CD&A, which Santos said were commercial discounts and allowances.

"Effectively, what we charge isn't necessarily what we collect on, so therefore that's an allowance for that," Santo said.

Minter said that it appeared that, if not for the CD&A, the only PHS operated facility not "running in the red" was the clinic in Carrizozo.

"So the assumption is that the rest of the county, the rest of the residents will pick that up with the mil levy to make you whole; is that what you're trying to do?" Minter asked Santos.

"The mil levy was intended to compliment, or supplement, what are the revenues that we otherwise collect to offset the expenses in terms of the delivery of healthcare," Santos answered. "In order to be effectively able to do that in our rural clinics, yes, that is necessary in order to break even."

Minter said that she was particularly interested in having a look at the sliding scale billing system used by PHS to determine how much certain patients are charged for services.

"You have a sliding scale for payments, right?" Minter asked. "I've asked before if the requirements for the clinics were the same as we have for Sole Community Provider and indigent healthcare."

The sliding scale system of billing is provided to patients who meet low-income requirements yet do not qualify for other health service programs like Medicare or Medicaid.

Santos said that he would be happy to provide the sliding scale formula to Minter.

Minter said that she would also like to get a more detailed accounting of expenditures at the county's PHS operated clinics, similar to the budget statements provided by the operators of the county's Hondo clinic, La Casa de Buena Salud, Incorporated (La Casa). Minter said that, unlike PHS, La Casa provides a budget break-down that includes how much is paid for things like employee salaries and utilities.

Santos said that PHS provides a more expansive selection of services in the county than La Casa does, and PHS's methods of arranging data differs from the smaller provider's methods.

"That data is ultimately tied to patient information and patient accounts, which is why we don't break it down that way in the normal reporting," Santos said. "I'm not trying to be elusive or evasive in the process of it all, but again, this is how we report the information in terms of how are boards are managing the information today."

"I don't want to ask for anything special," Minter countered, "but, again, Hondo gave us the revenues from, okay, was it Medicaid; was it indigent healthcare; was it private pay; was it third-party?"

Santos said that information was provided to the board of county commissioners by PHS once a year.

Currently the county budgets \$20,000 annually in mil levy funds to the clinic in Corona, \$379,621 to the Carrizozo clinic and \$85,000 to the clinic at the Hondo schools. An additional \$93,000 in mil levy funds is budgeted for the Capitan clinic, with no increase in the taxes collected from the public.

The county receives \$800,000 annually from PHS for lease of its healthcare facilities. That money is in turn used to support the Lincoln County healthcare system. The 20 year lease agreement with PHS was signed in 2006. PHS has the option to renew for another 20 years in 2026 under the current terms and conditions of the lease, but agrees to review and, if requested, renegotiate the amount of rent paid to the county every fifth year.

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Ghost Workers



THIS SIX MONTH OLD set of twins (first time halloween'rs) from El Paso were amazed and ecstatic about the goings on Monday. Santino Aguilar the dragon can't wait for next year, while Princess Isabella seems to be wondering what all the fuss is all about. Mom Kelli Aguilar tries to hold the dragon down while dad Mark handles the camera. (Courtesy photos)



Custodians are like invisible machinery in the school. They do so much but are rarely noticed and acknowledged. Things like throwing the trash and cleaning the floors and bathrooms get done, but it seems as if they are never "caught" cleaning. It just magically gets done.

Carrizozo Schools has hired three new custodians in the beginning of the school year. The new custodians are Maria Avila, Danny Chavez, and Larry Ysasi.

Maria Avila is in charge of cleaning the lunchroom, FFA building, library, administration offices, and Clegg Hall. Before working here she was cleaning houses. Her main priority is to clean the lunchroom before she cleans everything else because it is a place where people eat. She feels that the school is in nice shape and the students and teachers are good and friendly.

Danny Chavez and Larry Ysasi are in charge of cleaning the high school, elementary, gyms, and also stripe the field before games. As far as around the campus they clean, landscape, and do repairs. Their thoughts of the school are that the students and teachers are friendly and have not caused any problems.

Danny worked at Belen Schools before working at Carrizozo

Schools. He feels that besides the lack of some equipment, the job is easy and manageable. His main priority is to get the bathrooms clean before he cleans the rest of the school.

Before working here Larry worked in plumbing and carpentry. The only thing that made his job difficult is when the tilers did not finish the tile in the elementary and middle school because he had to clean around a construction zone. His main priorities are to clean the elementary before they arrive, open the doors by seven, and to clean the gyms the day before games.

This is a thankless job and the students and staff are grateful to have them even if they do not show it. These

custodians are wonderful and get everything done without complaining.

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"A" HONOR ROLL

- 7th Grade -- Kristie Gallacher, Gracie Hooten, Lashae Lueras, Garrison Ventura, Janae Willingham
- 8th Grade -- Milu Abel, Cirsten Barela
- 10th Grade -- Devon Artech, Sarah Ferguson, Shayna Gallacher, Johnathan Smith
- 11th Grade -- Victoria Ventura
- 12th Grade -- Orinda Clawson, Patricia Greenlaw, Austin Howard, Mario Silva, Marshall Ventura

"B" HONOR ROLL

- 6th Grade -- Steven Archuleta, Angel Autrey, Cody Carter, Nikko Chavez, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora
- 7th Grade -- Deline Artech, Alex Randolph, Taylor Thornton, Hannah Ventura, Mikhail Zamora-Barela
- 8th Grade -- Emily Comstock, Christian Najar, Lexi Zamora
- 9th Grade -- Laura Martin, Jacie Thornton, Zhane Vega, Josh Ventura, Lisa Ventura
- 10th Grade -- Dalton Vega, Erica Vega, Rylah Zamora, Zachary Zamora
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO
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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. PB-2011-36
Div. III

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
PEARL E. WILLIAMS, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mark E. Williams 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 District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, located at the following address: P.O. Box 725, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

Dated: November 1, 2011

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

Julie Anne Leonard
505 Mechem Dr.
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
575.257.1010

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
IN THE PROBATE COURT

No. 2525

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JULIAN ERNEST WELLS, Deceased

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the following address: Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301-0338.

DATED: October 12, 2011.

Mark Stephen Wells; Personal Representative
10514 Hinds St.
Houston, Texas 77034
Tel. (713) 459-5495

PREPARED BY:
ALAN P. MOREL, P.A.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to Section 60-6B-4 NMSA of the Liquor Control Act the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a public hearing beginning at 3:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 15, 2011. The public hearing will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers), 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the question of whether the Alcohol and Gaming Division should approve the request of a Restaurant Liquor License, as follows:

Public Hearing to consider the request of a Club License for on Premise Consumption from The Outlaw at Alto Lakes Golf Club, 190 Lincoln Hills Drive, Alto, New Mexico, (Liquor License /App. No. #A-661982).

All parties and interested citizens will have the opportunity to be heard. Copies of the proposed Liquor License Application may be obtained from the County Manager's Office at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

BILLIE-JO GUEVARA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
HUMAN RESOURCES

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**Lincoln National Forest
Offers Christmas Tree
Permits For Sale**

Many visitors to the Lincoln National Forest enjoy spending a beautiful day in the forest searching for the perfect Christmas tree.

The Lincoln National Forest welcomes everyone to participate in the Christmas tree program and experience one of the many treasures your national forest has to offer.

Lincoln National Forest Christmas tree permits are available now at a cost of \$5 each. This year Christmas tree permits on the Lincoln National Forest may only be purchased at Forest Service offices or by mail, and are available at all Lincoln National Forest Service offices from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, through December 23rd.

Applications for permits may be filled out for purchase through the mail until December 11th. Mail-in applications are available online at: www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln.

The Sacramento Ranger District office will be open to sell Christmas tree permits from 9:00 - 2:30 on Saturday November 19th, and Saturday, December 10th. The Smokey Bear Ranger District will also sell Christmas tree permits from 7:30 to 4:30 on Saturday November 26th and Saturday December 10th.

Mail-in applications are also available at the following locations: All Lincoln National Forest Offices, some chamber of commerce offices and select stores in the area, and some post offices.

The Christmas tree permit authorizes the permit holder to cut down or dig up any live evergreen tree up to 10 feet in height, on the Smokey Bear, Sacramento, or Guadalupe Ranger Districts as designated by an issued map accompanying the permit.

It is illegal to cut a tree located: on State or private land; within designated Wilderness areas; within 300 feet of a recreation site; within 100 feet of a paved road; or at Ranger District administrative locations. Permits are for personal use only and are limited to one permit per household.

For additional information regarding Christmas tree permits or the Lincoln National Forest, please contact one of our offices between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday: Forest Supervisor's Office at (575) 434-7200, at 3463 Las Palomas, Alamogordo; Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at (575) 257-4095, at 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso; Sacramento Ranger District Office at (575) 682-2551, at 4 Lost Lodge Rd (physical), P.O. Box 288 (mailing), Cloudcroft; or the Guadalupe Ranger District Office at (575) 885-4181, 114 S. Halagueno, Carlsbad. You can also find us at www.fs.usda.gov/lincoln and follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/LincolnUSForest>.



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EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Lincoln County is now accepting applications for the position of **FULL TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF** until filled in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, located in Carrizozo, New Mexico. Applicant must be 18 years or over, must possess a New Mexico Police Officer's Certification or be certifiable by waiver, and willing to work anywhere in Lincoln County. Employment will be condition upon applicant's successful completion of a physical examination and substance abuse test. Wages are Non-Probationary \$19,1694 - \$25,4307 depending on years of law enforcement service and advanced training hours. Obtain application and job description from Billie-Jo Guevara at 575/648-2385 ext. 100. County of Lincoln Equal Opportunity Employer and in Compliance with ADA Requirements, Title II-A.

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