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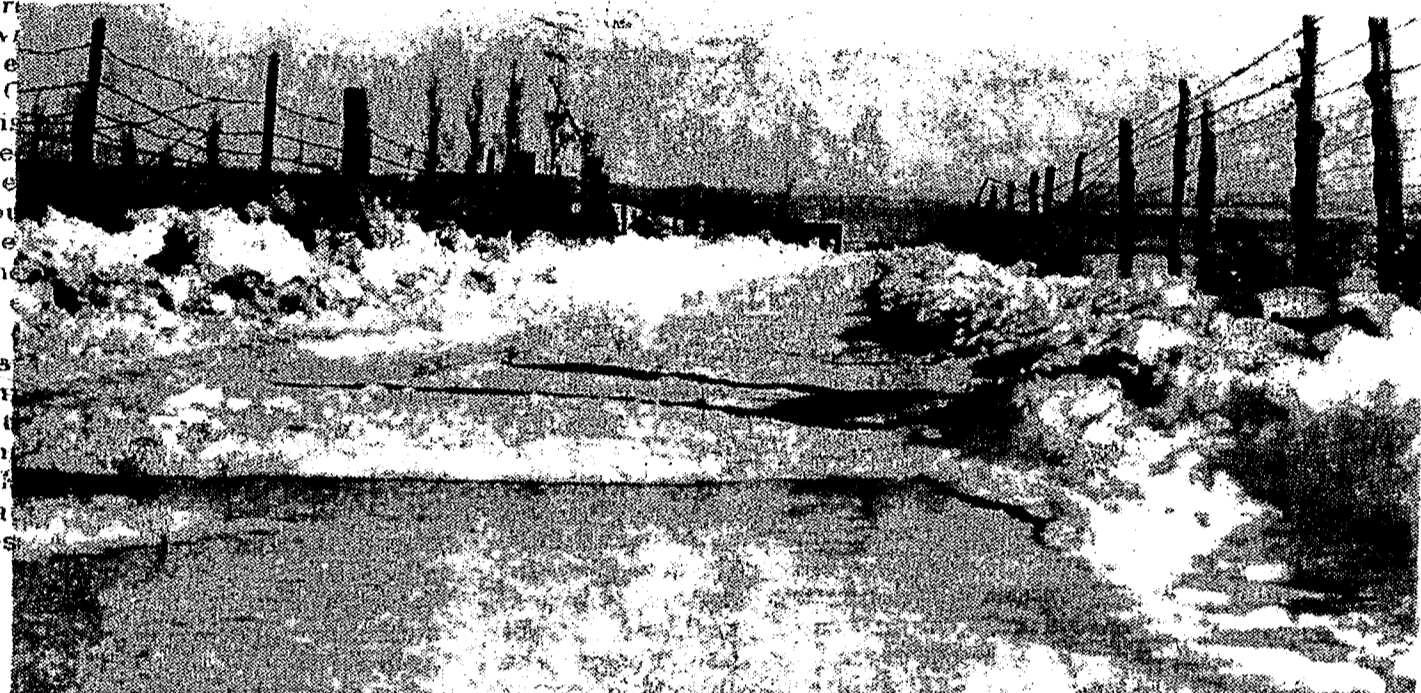
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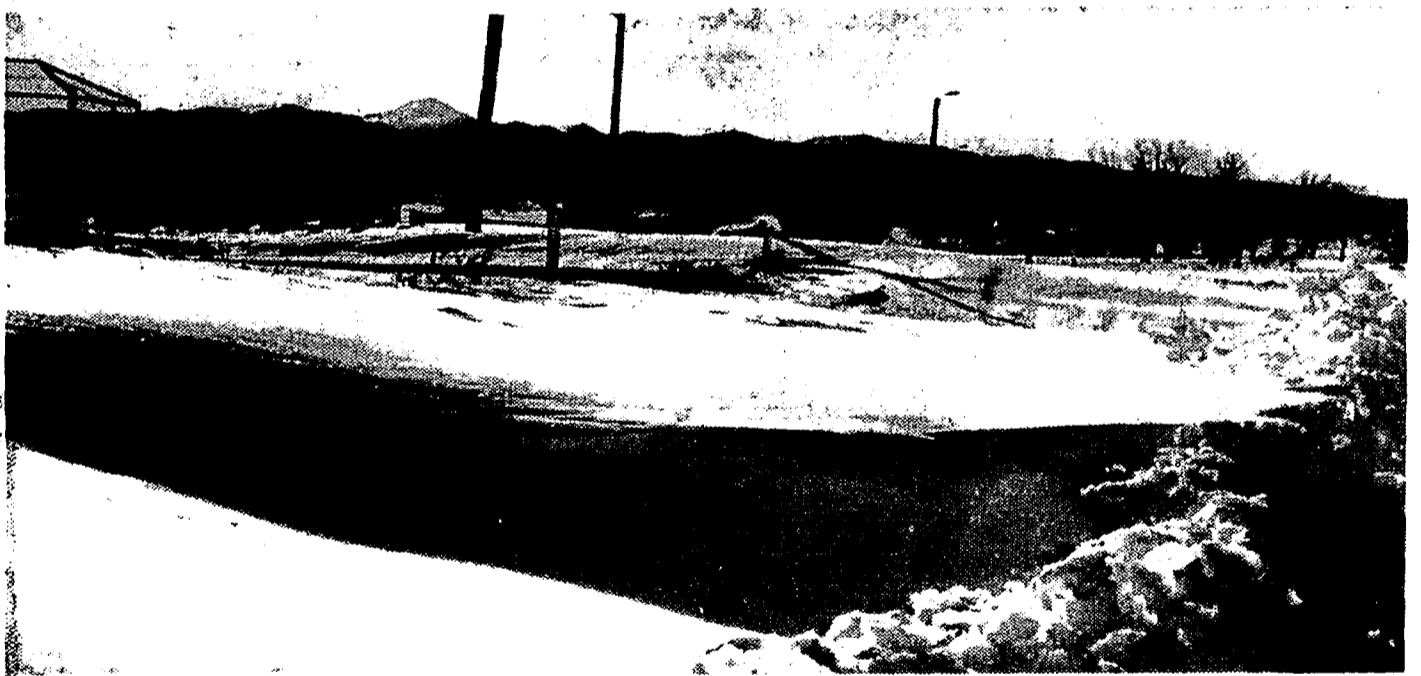
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**LINCOLN COUNTY DRIFTS.** This snow-filled drive way near Carrizozo is an example of how drive-ways and roads throughout Lincoln County looked after the week-long snow storm. Sub-zero low temperatures and sub-freezing daytime temperatures kept the snow powdery. High winds late last week blew the powdery snow into fantastic drifts that decorated Carrizozo's little league park and golf course (below), and filled town streets and yards with deep crusty drifts. Carrizozo got about six to eight inches of snow that blew into drifts two to four feet deep. Some areas of Lincoln County got 18 to 20 inches of snow which later turned into drifts up to 10 feet deep that closed roads and kept county road crews working round the clock.



## Lincoln County Commissioners Consider Private Help For Roads

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Road Crews are worn out.

Round the clock work during the Christmas snow storm left many workers exhausted and logging in lots of hours of overtime. To assist with snow removal, and to give county road workers some relief, county commission chairman Ray Nunley on Friday authorized hiring private contractors and renting private owned equipment to help with the massive snow removal.

On Tuesday, county commissioners held a special meeting in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo to declare the county as disaster area. They also discussed and acted to explore an idea which came to commissioner Monroy Montes while he sat at home on Christmas day, snowed in with lots of time to read and think.

Montes said other counties, "in the course of regular business" have proposals from

private contractors for maintenance on some county roads. He recommended Lincoln County also pursue privatizing some of its road department work, "As a concerted effort to keep (the road department) from growing."

He suggested "farming out" some of the routine maintenance work such as cattleguard upkeep to private individuals to give the road department some relief. "Short of building up the road department with three or four new employees, why don't we have the road manager come back with a report on where he needs help," Montes said. "Not just for snow removal," Montes continued. "This is above and beyond normal work."

Montes said his proposal was not to privatize the road department. "Employees would feel this a challenge to their jobs," Montes said. "We want a way to give the road department employees some relief, not jeopardize their

jobs."

Commissioner Rex Wilson said it was a good idea to analyze the costs of privatizing some of the road department. "There has been a lot of frustration on the public's part and on the road department's part of not being able to meet all legitimate requests," Wilson said. He suggested a workshop with commissioners and the road department supervisor to determine what areas could be privatized. "Some areas might lend themselves to privatization," he added.

Commissioner Bill Schwettmann said such private contracts for maintenance are "normal in government." Schwettmann concurred with the suggestion to request for proposals for private road work.

Commissioner Wilton Howell suggested the county compile a vendor's list with set prices from private opera-

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## Lincoln County

# Declared Disaster Area

by Doris Cherry

White Christmas—we love to see it on Christmas cards. But the reality of white Christmas in Lincoln County in 1997 was snowed-in residents, drifts so deep livestock producers can't get out to feed their animals, and county snow removal crews working around the clock to clear county roads.

Early Friday, December 26, Lincoln County Commission chairman L. Ray Nunley tentatively declared Lincoln County a continuing disaster area because of heavy snows that fell over Christmas and possible future storms. The county was added to a list of seven other southeastern New Mexico counties seeking state and federal aid. Lincoln County seeks to recoup the \$87,000 estimated cost of emergency snow removal.

The storm left snows ranging in depth from more than 20 inches in Ruidoso, six to eight inches in the Carrizozo low lands, about 20 inches in the Capitan area, and 16 to 18 inches in Corona. Ski Apache on Sierra Blanca reported receiving 30 inches of snow over Christmas week.

Late Monday, December 29 THE NEWS received a call from Governor Gary Johnson's office advising he had formally requested President Bill Clinton respond to the request for the federal assistance for the disaster areas, but he had yet to receive a reply.

Early Tuesday, December 30 during a special called meeting at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo all members of the entire Lincoln County Commission formalized the declaration by approving a resolution declaring Lincoln County a disaster area.

During the special meeting Lincoln County Emergency Coordinator Hopper said the emergency situation is continuing until all residents have received assistance, and because there is another storm

expected by the end of the week.

Hopper commended county commissioner Rex Wilson who "jumped in" to help during the Christmas storm. Hopper said Wilson was the first to call her about the storm and road conditions. He also called neighbors in the Ancho-Corona areas. Hopper said Wilson even called the congressmen and state officials about the disaster situation requesting assistance in any way.

Hopper told commissioners that now the county is getting help in delivering medical and food supplies to snowed-in residents by New Mexico National Guard helicopters. Two families were evacuated from their snowed-in homes. Medical supplies were delivered to a woman in the Corona ranch area by helicopter after county road crews and deputies were unable to reach her location.

Two National Guard C130 helicopters stationed in Roswell also began feed drops

to stranded livestock in Chaves County Tuesday afternoon and were expected to get to Lincoln County with feed drops by Wednesday or Thursday.

Ranchers have agreed to pay for the feed dropped. Hopper told THE NEWS. Hopper also said she is working on contacting as many livestock producers as possible to check if they need assistance. More than 30,000 sheep and 16,000 cattle in Lincoln County have been impacted by the storm, Hopper estimated.

During the special meeting Nunley praised the road department crews who worked through Christmas. "We can't say enough," Nunley said. "We know it is difficult and we can't satisfy everyone, but it wasn't for the lack of trying."

Commissioner Monroy Montes also praised the county road department, and Hopper for her recent "proactive"

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## Carrizozo Youth Loses Life In One Vehicle Accident

A 21 year old Carrizozo man lost his life Sunday when he was ejected from the back end of a pickup.

According to state police preliminary reports, 21 year old Steven Aragon of Carrizozo was killed around 7 p.m. Sunday, December 28 when the vehicle in which he was riding rolled over him. Aragon was riding in the back end of a pickup driven by 18 year old Jacob Ware of Capitan. Ware was west bound on State Road 37 when he reportedly reached for the radio then lost control of his vehicle around mile marker 13 (near JJJ Ranches headquarters). Aragon, riding in the back end of the truck, was ejected and the truck rolled over onto Aragon, killing him.

None of the other five per-

sons in the vehicle were injured. Along with Ware, passengers were Bobby Ray Zamora, 17, Carrizozo, Michelle Montoya, 21, Carrizozo; Johnny Gutierrez, 19, Carrizozo; Tommy McCarty, 16, Capitan.

Preliminary reports indicate liquor was involved and no seat belts were used. New Mexico State police Sgt. Charles Devine investigated the accident. Lincoln County Sheriff's Deputies responded for traffic control. Carrizozo ambulance and fire department also responded.

A full report of the accident, and charges filed, were unavailable for THE NEWS at press time because the incident report had not been completed by the investigating officer.

## Special Election In Carrizozo Jan. 13

A special election will be held in Carrizozo Tuesday, Jan. 13 asking voters if the issuance of restaurant licenses for the sale of beer and wine shall be approved for restaurants located in the town of Carrizozo.

The special election is being held because a petition with the required number of signatures of registered voters was submitted.

The polls will be at city hall in the council chambers and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

If approved by the voters, beer and wine may be sold at

restaurants only after applying for and receiving a license from the state. State law requires that restaurants selling beer and wine must meet the following requirements: the restaurant must have a current valid food service permit; the primary source of revenue from the operation of the restaurant will be derived from meals and not from the sale of beer and wine; beer and wine may only be sold for consumption on the premises; all sales, services and consumption of beer and wine shall cease at the time meal sales and ser-

vices cease or at 11 p.m., whichever time is earlier.

Renewal applications for restaurant licenses for the sale of beer and wine must include an annual report indicating the annual gross receipts from the sale of meals and from beer and wine; and no less than 60 percent of the gross receipts from the preceding 12 months operation was derived from the sale of meals.

Restaurant licenses for the sale of beer and wine shall not be transferable from person to person or from one location to another.

# "Normal" Winter Snows Blanket Lincoln County

by Doris Cherry

Residents continue to dig out from the Christmas snow storm which dumped more than 20 inches of the cold white stuff in many places of

Lincoln County.

The wintry weather began December 30, when the first snow storm blanketed the county causing 15 reported minor car wrecks and traffic

pileups on all major roads and highways. State police closed roads to and through Hudson, Carrizozo and Corona. That storm was followed by more snow starting December 22 and continuing for a few days.

A brief lull in the snow on Tuesday afternoon and most of Wednesday, Christmas eve, allowed county road crews to catch up somewhat. But an all-day snow fall on Christmas day kept most people at home—except the county road crews, Lincoln County's emergency coordinator Connie Hopper, dispatch personnel in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, several deputies and ambulance crews. Hopper said she started getting calls at home on Christmas day from the sheriff's office and from private individuals who were unable to get out because of deep snow.

Hopper coordinated the emergency response from the dispatch center in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo. She said Lincoln County Commission Chairman L. Ray Nunley decided to declare the area a disaster because of the deep snows on Friday morning. "We're lucky chairman Nunley called the disaster," Hopper said. "It showed foresight."

Nunley's foresight indeed, because high winds were spreading around tons of icy frozen snow, creating incredible drifts that buried homes, livestock and newly snow-plowed roads. County road crews continued to work around the clock to break through snow drifts.

The storm had snowed in many families, some unable even to get out of their houses to go out to feed livestock. On the morning of December 26, a call came into the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office about a young family stranded at a ranch in the northeastern part of Lincoln County with their nine-month old and 18-month old babies and they were out of food and diapers. Hopper said she decided to call on deputy Larry Cearley to go on the mission.

Cearley told *THE NEWS* he left from Capitan in the sheriff's office Bronco four wheel drive vehicle with \$60 of groceries provided by EMS personnel. The highway north out of Capitan was snow plowed several miles, but Cearley told *THE NEWS* that he had to break through snow for 11 more miles on until he got to the turn for the ranch. The county roads to the ranch had been cleared but winds had drifted the snow over the roadway. Cearley said he made it all the way to the ranch and delivered the food and other supplies to the young ranch worker and his family.

Cearley said it took about two and a half hours from Capitan to the ranch, and at least that much time to get back to town.

Late Sunday night, a woman in the Corona area called for assistance because she was almost out of insulin and she could not get out. But deputies and road crews were unable to get into the ranch because of deep drifts. On Monday, Hopper requested a helicopter, which flew to the ranch and delivered the insulin.

County road crews are also being praised by citizens. Bob Fritz and his wife Dawn who have lived in Lincoln County for 16 years praised the road department for clearing roads filled with two to four foot drifts in their area south of Capitan. Fritz told *THE NEWS* on Tuesday that this was the worst storm for drifting he had experienced in Lincoln County. "I think Albert Hernandez (road super-



**CARRIZOZO COLD STREET.** High winds rearranged snow that fell on Carrizozo area during Christmas week into fantastic and deep drifts, including one at least a foot deep on 12th Street in town. While the sculpted snow drifts were beautiful to look at, residents whose homes or driveways were buried in drifts found the cold hard stuff a nuisance, and danger to the survival of their livestock and themselves. (See related articles about the Christmas storm.)

## Candidates For Municipal Elections Must File Jan. 8

by Doris Cherry

Tuesday, January 6 is the only day that persons wanting to be candidates for municipal elections can file with their respective municipal clerks.

Municipal elections will be held on Tuesday, March 3 in all five municipalities within Lincoln County. All persons desiring to be a candidate on their respective municipal election ballot must file a declaration of candidacy with their respective municipal clerk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6.

Each potential candidate must personally appear before their municipal clerk to file all documents required by law. (Candidates are allowed to send a representative to file certified documents.) The documents include a declaration of Candidacy form and a certified copy of the candidate's current affidavit

of voter registration on file with the Lincoln County Clerk.

All affidavits of voter registration offered by potential candidates must show the candidates physical address or rural route number, not a post office box number.

By state law, municipal clerks must provide a form for the declaration of candidacy. Clerks may only accept declarations that contain identical name and resident street address as shown on the candidate's affidavit of voter registration; the office and term to which the candidate seeks election and district designation if appropriate; a statement that the candidate is eligible and legally qualified to hold the office sought.

The declarations also contain a statement that the candidate has not been convicted of a felony, or if the person has a

felony conviction, a statement that his or her elective franchise has been restored; a statement that the candidate, or his or her representative, will personally appear at the office of the municipal clerk during normal business hours on Wednesday, January 19, 1998, to ascertain whether the municipal clerk has certified the declaration of candidacy as valid; a telephone number where the candidate or authorized representative can be reached; a statement that the declaration of candidacy is an affidavit made under oath and that any false statement knowingly made constitutes a fourth degree felony; and finally a notarized signature of the candidate on the declaration of candidacy.

A person desiring to be a candidate but who cannot

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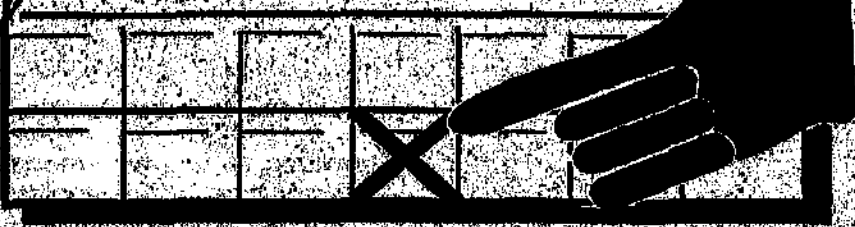
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# Carrizozo Chit Chat

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### THURSDAYS

—Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-2313 for information.  
—Carrizozo School Library preschool story time 9 to 9:45 a.m. Call Rosemary Shafer at 648-2346 for information.

### TUESDAYS

—Lincoln County Adult Singles 6:30 p.m. K-Bob's Ruidoso.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 1

—Federal, state, county, and municipal offices closed for New Year's Day.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 5

—School resumes for all districts in the county.  
—Republican Party of Lincoln County First Monday meeting at the Texas Club, 212 Metz, Ruidoso. Social hour 6:30 p.m., dinner 6 p.m. Speaker Dan Williams.

—Writer's group 7 p.m. at Carrizozo Rec Center.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

—Filing day for municipal offices.  
—Carrizozo Town Council 6 p.m. at city hall; meeting date is one week early because of special election January 13.  
—Capitan Schools Music Boosters 6:30 p.m. band room.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

—Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee 1 p.m. city hall.

## Candidates For Municipal

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personally appear on January 6 to file, may authorize a representative to file the written affidavit signed and notarized by the candidate with the municipal clerk on January 6.

Each candidate may seek only one elected municipal office.

By January 7, the municipal clerk must have determined whether the declarations of candidacy are certified. The documents must prove the individual filing is a qualified elector. Any person who fails to submit on filing day the required documents cannot be certified as a candidate. By January 8, the municipal clerk must post a list of the names of individuals certified as candidates, as well as names of those who were not certified and reasons why. At 5:01 p.m. on January 8, candidates may be present while the municipal clerk administers a drawing by lot to determine the order of the

candidates' names on the ballot.

Candidates may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit by 5 p.m. January 13, 1998 with the municipal clerk. The name of any person filing such an affidavit will not be placed on the election ballot.

On Tuesday, January 20, any person wishing to be a declared write-in candidate must file with the municipal clerk during normal business hours. This is the only date a write-in candidate may file for office. Write-in candidates must file the same documents and satisfy the same requirements as a regular candidate. All write-in candidates must be certified by the municipal clerk by January 21. Write-in candidate names will be posted by 9 a.m. January 22. Write-in candidates may withdraw from the election by filing an affidavit by 5 p.m. February 3.

Voter registration for the

### Poster Contest

PFK (People for Kinds) sponsored a School is Cool poster contest to show why students enjoy going to school in Carrizozo. First and second place winners were: Kindergarten - Joseph Gallegos and Cameron Sandoval; First Grade - Bailey Shivers and Jennifer Shafer; Second Grade - T.J. Furness and Kendall Wilson; Third Grade - Kaitlyn Vega and Chantal Day; Fourth Grade - Savannah Morales and Wade McMahan; Fifth Grade - Jesse Samora and Samuel Garner. Winners will receive cash prizes. The official School is Cool Day is January 5 and the posters will be displayed throughout Carrizozo so all may enjoy the outstanding student art work.

### Paul Releases CD and Cassettes

Former Carrizozo resident Paul Pino has just released a new bi-lingual CD and cassette of original songs. The album, entitled Generaciones contains

a corrido about Paul's father, Presiliano Pino who was a life long rancher in the Carrizozo area.

The ranch is still in the area and the CD cover contains a photograph of the original Pino homestead. The CD cover was developed by Paul's wife, Linda.

Paul is a Carrizozo High School graduate, class of 1972 and he said the people from Carrizozo have encouraged him through the years. A few of these people include former music teacher Arnold Boyce, former school superintendent Glen Ellison, Steve and Stanley Wheeler, Alphonso Lucero, Phillip Ortiz, Richard and Edward O'Brien, and most of all his family.

The CD will be placed on the juke box at the Outpost and several radio stations have committed to playing Paul's new material. The CDs and cassettes are also available in Carrizozo at Roy's Gift Gallery and the 4-Winds.

The Lincoln County News invites people to submit items

of interest for the Carrizozo Chit Chat column; including engagement announcements, wedding announcements, new residents, visitors, hospitalizations, vacations, birth announcements, news of former school students away at college, general news. There is charge. Please call Ruth at 648-2346 with your news items.

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A public forum on local and regional water issues will be held in Hobbs January 8 in room 125 of the Lea County - Hobbs office complex from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. New Mexico State Engineer Tom Turney, his staff, and staff of the Interstate Stream Commission will attend the forum. This is the first of several meetings the state engineer's office will hold to inform the public and elected officials about water matters of interest to their region and to receive information and suggestions from them.

### OBITUARY

#### STEVE D. ARAGON

Prayer service for Steve D. Aragon, 21, of Carrizozo will be Thursday, January 1, at 7:00 p.m. at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo, where the funeral mass will be on Friday, Jan. 2, at 10:00 a.m. Officiating will be Fr. Dave Bergs. Burial will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery.

Steve died December 28, near Nogal from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born June 14, 1976 in Alamogordo and had lived in Carrizozo most of his life. He was a member of Santa Rita Catholic Church.

He is survived by his father, Ramon Aragon of Carrizozo; his adoptive mother, Tomasita Maldonado of Albuquerque, and his mother Kathy Aragon of Albuquerque; one brother, Moncie Aragon, and sister Dolores Baca, both of Alamogordo, and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel of Ruidoso.

municipal election closes at 5 p.m. February 3. All persons wishing to register to vote must register with the county clerk.

Absentee voting in person will be allowed until 5 p.m. February 26. All absentee ballots requested must be in the mail by that date also. Absentee ballots may be returned until 7 p.m. election day, March 3.

In Carrizozo, town clerk Carol Schlarb has prepared a packet which includes copies of the Election Resolution printed in English and Spanish, the municipal election calendar, the declaration of candidacy guidelines and forms in both English and Spanish, affidavit authorizing filing of declaration of candidate form; canvass of returns for the past four regular municipal elections; state statute 3-8-77 limiting electioneering too close to polling places, obstructing polling place and disturbing polling places and penalty; and state statute 3-8-40 conduct of election, persons not permitted to vote, certificate voting and fraudulent and double voting.

Similar packets are available from municipal clerks in Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan and Corona which are also holding regular municipal elections on March 3. Potential candidates may contact their respective municipal clerk for declaration of candidacy forms.

Capitan voters will elect a mayor, two trustees and judge for four year terms. Currently the positions are held by mayor Norman Renfro, trustees Lamoyne Carpenter and Connie Hopper and judge Jack Johnson.

Carrizozo voters will elect a mayor and two trustees for four year terms. Those positions are currently held by mayor Cecilia Kuhnel, trustees James W. Silva and Ruth Armstrong.

Corona voters will elect the mayor and two councilors for four year terms. Current mayor is Ernest Lueras.

Ruidoso Downs voters will elect two trustees for four year terms. The positions are currently held by trustees Ray Hayhurst and Margie Morales.

Ruidoso voters will elect a mayor, three councilors and the municipal judge for four year terms. Positions open on Ruidoso Village Council are now filled by Leon Eggleston, Bill Chances and Joe Gomez, the mayor's position is held by Jerry Shaw, and the judge position is held by Mike Lane.

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# THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

## Snow drifts vs arena

By Ruth Hammond

We've heard many reports about the Lincoln County Road Department workers this past week. We heard several of the workers were out in the morning, blowing snow. Christmas day they were clearing roads instead of staying inside a warm fire at home with their families and friends. We heard it took 11 hours for one crew to blow 20 miles because of the blowing snow. But they didn't give up because they knew they had work to do.

It is difficult for many people to imagine how treacherous the blowing snow was. There were drifts six to 10 feet deep in places and even when the road crews bladed the roads within minutes they were covered again with the swirling white snow. There were no lights, as usual, when trucks would slide off into ditches, chains would break, tires would go flat, and all the other things that shouldn't happen but did. The workers kept at it night and day trying to make it safe for others, trying to open roads, trying to handle the snow that kept falling and blowing.

Working out in the blowing snow is much different than the lovely snow scenes we see on Christmas cards. Christmas cards may show a peaceful scene with glistening snow on the roof and a cottage with a decorated tree in the window. Trying to drive through chest deep snow and having no idea for sure where the road is can be dangerous. Christmas cards give the impression snow is quiet. Laying on the cold snow to put chains on the tires is far from quiet, or so we heard when told what some of the workers were saying as they put chains on tires. Christmas cards may show children playing and enjoying the snow. Watching workers trying to break huge chunks of ice off equipment is just the opposite of children sliding down a hill.

We are glad the Christmas cards show the pretty side of snow but please remember you need to be extra careful when driving on snow. It takes longer to stop, and sometimes your vehicle won't respond the way you think it should. When the snow is packed down it can be slippery and your vehicle won't have the traction it has on a dry surface. It may be fun to feel the back end of your vehicle slip and slide but it is easy to lose control quickly and maybe end up in the ditch or crash into something.

It is important to remain in control. A situation is now being considered by the Lincoln County Commissioners that may or may not keep the county in control. The commissioners are considering privatizing some of the road department work as a concerted effort to keep from growing. The suggestion to "farm out" some of the routine maintenance work such as asphalt repairs to private individuals may give the road department some relief but we have some questions that need to be answered first. Why didn't the county commissioners give the road department some relief when they were working all those weeks at the Sales Barn instead of doing road maintenance? The work the road crew did at the Sales Barn definitely should have been "farmed out" because then we would have had an actual figure of how much money was spent building the indoor roping arena. If the county "farms out" road maintenance work does that mean the road department will have more time to work at the Sales Barn?

Having the road department work at the Sales Barn while roads needed to be maintained was not in the best interest of the county or the best interest of the majority of county residents. While county commissioners are considering private help for county roads, they should prioritize the things the workers in the road department are supposed to be doing. This past week road crews worked around the clock driving in blinding snow, blading roads, and dumping loads and loads of salt trying to make it safe for others. These workers showed they can do the road maintenance, but they shouldn't be building roping arenas.

More snow is on the way!



## Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

**SANTA FE—Happy 1998.** Get ready for a big year punctuated by politics, history, weather, economics and entertainment.

Before you can say, "What's happening?" the 1998 Legislature will crank up. Don't wait for the usual third-Tuesday-in-January opening. These 30-day budget sessions recently have featured meetings of the House Appropriations and Finance Committee beginning over a week early. Expect to see that starting Jan. 12.

And don't expect to see this short session's agenda stick to the state budget. Many unresolved issues from past sessions lie in wait. Prison financing will start many fights. Some Democrat leaders have said they won't appropriate a dime to house prisoners in the privately financed and operated prisons Gov. Gary Johnson is building in Santa Rosa and Hobbs. Expect an attempt to lower the 16 percent state take on slot machine proceeds from Indian casinos, maybe to around 8 percent to 10 percent. But that effort could open up the entire issue again, which passed the House last session by only one vote.

The governor and legislative leaders have agreed on a welfare reform compromise that leaders will support and the governor will sign — as the bill is presently written — any amendments and all bets are off. Medicaid managed care and other health care issues are likely to cause problems and so are Gov. Johnson's education proposals. Drunk driving, campaign reform, and a statute to implement the new Public Regulation Commission that will control hot items such as utility deregulation, all add to the expected fury of the 1998 Legislature.

As the Legislature wraps up on Feb. 19 politicking for the pre-primary conventions held by the three major parties will reach full steam. Those conventions, which must be held by Mar. 15, select their candidates for the primary election ballot. Democrats are expected to have battles for every ballot position. Republicans usually settle on one candidate for each spot ahead of time. Greens may be in the unusual position of trying to keep any candidate from running for offices in which party leaders like the Democrat frontrunner.

Primary elections are June 2. Democrats always have heated races. Republicans and Greens may. From that point until the Nov. 3 general election, expect a wild ride as Republicans and Democrats pull out all the stops in hard-fought, well-financed campaigns for every spot on the ballot.

This will also be a year of historical celebrations. New Mexico is observing its 400th anniversary of Spanish settlement. Year-long observances, especially along the Rio Grande corridor, will high-

light New Mexico's unique history as the cradle of European civilization in the United States. National and international publicity should give tourism a big boost, especially in light of very positive results from Santa Fe emphasis on cultural tourism last year.

Sensitivities toward Spanish interactions with the Native American culture beginning in 1598 and the Anglo culture beginning in 1846 throw a complicating but necessary factor into the recognition that hadn't been present in previous observances. It will make for a richer, though sometimes uneasy, experience. This year also is the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Guadalupe-Hidalgo, in which New Mexico took control of the formerly Mexican Southwest.

El Nino is expected to keep things exciting. The unpredictable weather phenomenon could help ailing and agriculture industries, but it also has the potential for devastating effects.

The national economy, the Asian economy, El Nino, federal budget decisions and many other factors will produce an uncertain effect on New Mexico's economy. Some areas of the state look to bright years, others could use some help.

In the world of show business, athletic programs at some of the colleges around the state promise excitement this year. So do the Albuquerque professional baseball, hockey and soccer teams.

It's a good year to be around.



## Lincoln County Declared Disaster

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approach to urging emergency preparedness. "We learned a lot with the real live disaster situation," Hopper said. "It will make things better in the future."

Wilson also echoed Nunley and praised the "professionalism and patience" of county personnel who were taking phone calls and were offering assistance and encouragement to citizens. "We're hearing horror stories from the other counties," Wilson said. "It makes me feel better."

County road department secretary Kim Roper estimated an \$87,290 cost of emergency snow removal for five days starting December 25. Of that \$6,000 is for overtime for the county road department employees, which is paid at an average of \$15 per hour. \$50,000 is for rental of two blades, four loaders and two bulldozers for five days from private contractors.

Many of the county road crew worked Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and through the weekend removing snow. Some of the crew had worked continuously from the weekend before Christmas. Some operators were on their equipment for 20 hours straight. But high winds blowing snow on Friday covered many of the plowed roads, sending crews back out to break up drifts four to six feet deep.

Hopper said Nunley received verbal approval from the state to rent private equipment on Friday, at the time he declared the county an emergency.

The \$87,290 price tag for the snow removal also includes a month lease for a blade at \$6,200; \$10,000 for George Serna for blade repair; \$5,000 for additional salt; \$4,000 for one week's additional diesel fuel; \$4,000 for six extra men on a temporary basis; \$1,000 for chains for heavy equipment and \$1,000 for four sets of cutting edges for the snow plows.

County manager Frank Potter and his wife Donna got involved also, "shuttling diesel fuel to county road equipment operating in the field. Potter was also able to personally assess damage."

Hopper told THE NEWS that she now must send forms to the Office of State and Local Preparedness Bureau, a branch of the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, to seek reimbursement from the state disaster relief fund. Hopper said she does not process federal emergency fund requests or documentation.

Emergency personnel were thankful for no reported power outages associated with the storm. However, some residents in the north central area of the county were without telephone service.

When will the emergency status end? THE NEWS asks.

"The emergency disaster will continue until all have been assisted and are safe and sound," Hopper said.

## Border XXI Is Explained To County Commission

by Doris Cherry

Border XXI is a plan to improve the environmental health of lands along the U.S.-Mexican border.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) representatives from the El Paso EPA office explained the Border XXI plan to the Lincoln County Commissioners during their regular meeting on December 16 held in the Ruidoso Convention Center. In November, commissioners requested a report from the EPA about Border XXI after they reviewed a letter from the county's Public Land Use Advisory Council which condemned Border XXI for being part of the Bio-Diversity Treaty.

Marvin Waters, director of the EPA El Paso Border office, said Border XXI began in 1983 when the Mexican and U.S. presidents signed an agreement to protect and improve the environment of the border area. Border XXI encompasses a zone of 100 kilometers or 60 miles on each side of the border where work groups comprised of officials from Mexican and U.S. federal agencies. While the work groups do not include local or state officials, Waters said they are working to allow citizens input on the Integrated Environmental Plan. Waters said the five year plan has a central mission for public perception, decentralization of environmental management and improve communication and cooperation of local, state and federal agencies. "This is not a land use document," Waters said. "This is a planning document to improve the environmental health along the border."

The Border XXI program

was not created as a side agreement of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Waters said. It is also not true that Border XXI will eliminate the U.S. Mexican border. Instead Border XXI establishes a zone where work groups work to correct environmental problems along the border.

Border XXI has no link to the United Nations or the president's council on sustainable development, Waters continued. The only similarity is a reference to sustainable development along the border. Waters said Border XXI does not affect private property or alter the freedom to have private property. The Border XXI program work groups are trying to address specific environmental issues along the border.

Waters assured Lincoln County Commissioner Rex Wilson that Border XXI would not include Lincoln County in the corridor or buffer zone. Wilson asked if EPA was opposed to any memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Lincoln County to address issues that may affect Lincoln County. Waters said if there is already precedence of MOUs (with federal agencies) EPA "could entertain that."

County commissioners also authorized letters of concern about land transfers along the Rio Bonito in Lincoln County. The letters state a defect was discovered in the survey and legal descriptions of the survey of properties in the Lincoln Valley proposed to be exchanged for BLM properties in other locations. The letters state the defect was not corrected and affected a Warrant Deed to BLM which was recorded in December 1992. As a result in February 1993

BLM announced it had issued patents to complete the Rio Bonito land exchange. Lincoln County filed suit against BLM to stop the transaction, but the county later dropped the suit. Norbert McIntyre, owner of property contiguous to Tract 1 of the transfer, incurred enormous expenses in survey and legal costs defending the title and reasserting the common boundary. A settlement agreement between McIntyre and BLM was signed on June 16, 1997, the letter states. The letter goes on to state that the Lincoln County Commissioners oppose the transfer of land between BLM and citizens of Lincoln County until an investigation of the Rio Bonito Land Transfer has been completed, "to ensure that the property rights of the citizens of Lincoln County are protected."

PLUAC had presented the draft letter to county commissioners at their November meeting, but commissioners sent the letters back to PLUAC for further work. The new version of letters, approved by commissioners in December, will be sent to Senators Jeff Bingaman and Pete Domenici and Congressman Joe Skeen.

In other business, commissioners:

-Approved the transfer of existing liquor license to Y. Salem and Karen J. Sager owners of Tinnie Silver Dollar Restaurant and Saloon. There were no public comments against the transfer.

-Accepted the summary plat review of Tracts 2 & 3 Section 31, Township 6 South, Range 13 East requested by Ulmont and Janette Blalock into three tracts to correct easement.

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# L.C. Commission Considers Private

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tors for extra equipment and people needed by the county road department for seasonal and emergency needs. Howell said that on Saturday he and Montes traveled around the county and watched private contractors work. They couldn't do private driveways because of the anti-donation clause (in the state constitution which prohibits governments from providing free services on private owned properties), Howell said.

With a vendors list, the county could inform citizens of the cost of snow removal or road work being done by the private operators, and citizens could authorize these private operators to clear their driveways, Howell said. The state highway department has such price lists for its equipment use, he added. "This time there was a lack of a plan for our strained services," Howell said.

Howell said Montes and Wilson both contacted the federal government for assistance with the snow removal especially for livestock producers. "They missed the point," Howell said of the federal agency. "They thought we were wanting them to buy hay (for stranded livestock). We don't, the ranchers just want someone to help them deliver their own feed to their

livestock." Howell then suggested some type of "road tax", like the Animal Damage Control fees, that would go into a fund that would provide emergency snow removal on private roads and driveways. "We need to make services available in these kinds of situations," Howell said. "So we can work with the constitution written in 1912 which didn't consider snow removal."

Commissioners approved a motion made by Howell to begin a process of developing a disaster relief plan and look into developing a request for proposal for private road work. It took Howell several tries to explain his thoughts in the motion, because he wanted the plan to be a more long-range road maintenance plan which included unit prices for rental and operation of private owned equipment. Schwetzmann somewhat joked that it could include prices to "go ahead and chip seal" paved roads and for repair of the many pot holes that are developing in paved roads because of snow removal.

Commissioners also held a closed session to discuss personnel, threatened and/or pending litigation. After returning to open session, commissioners took no action.

# Border XXI Is Explained

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Acknowledged a "Liberty Charter" from Lincoln County Libertarian Party chairman Tony Seno. However commission chairman Ray Nunley would not allow Seno to read the charter, citing a lack of time. Commissioner Wilton Howell said he understood the charter, and thought much of it was covered by the U.S. Constitution. The charter reaffirms inalienable individual rights and restoring the rule of law for government officials and agents, including abolishing immunity for government agents. Later in the public comment portion of the meeting citizen Jerry Carroll read the charter in its entirety. Carroll told THE NEWS he read the charter because Nunley refused to allow Seno the public time to do so.

Approved a lease-purchase agreement with the Village of Ruidoso Downs for the oil distributor and chip spreader equipment. Ruidoso Downs agreed to pay 10 percent down and the remainder of the \$120,000 in three installments over the next three years.

Approved a resolution pertaining to the completion of the Community Develop-

ment Block Grant (CDBG) project of the new Carrizozo Health Clinic to comply with federal requirements.

Authorized application for a technical assistance grant from USDA Rural Development by the South Central RC&D council on behalf of Lincoln County to conduct a hydrogeologic study of Lincoln County water. Howell voted against the motion because he was concerned about spending more money on another water study plan.

Authorized county EMS coordinator Connie Hoppert apply for an EMS Fund Act grant for fiscal year 1999 with \$5,000 each to Corona, Honda and Capitan EMS and \$7,000 to Carrizozo EMS for mileage, per diem, training, batteries and chargers, routine maintenance on ambulances and digital thermometers for each ambulance.

Accepted the low bid of \$18,528.39 for a four wheel drive full sized pickup for the planning department. Howell voted against accepting the bid stating the county should "live within its means" and share the use of existing vehicles.

# "Normal" Winter Snows

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visor and the road crew) have done a fabulous job," Frits said. "I just called the road department and it got taken care of."

Tuesday afternoon, county manager Frank Potter was surveying damage in the county and reported to THE NEWS while driving on State Road 246 (Pine Lodge Road). Potter was almost to County Road 8020 in the central eastern portion of the county. He said the state highway department was working to clear out 10 foot snow drifts over Pine Lodge Road. He also said there were a few ridges and high places where grass was exposed for livestock, but mostly the snow covered the entire grasslands.

Potter said because of the emergency declaration, the county road department can clear ranch roads used for livestock purposes, or roads to residences of persons who are

medically fragile or to those who are unable to get out.

In Corona, which usually gets lots of snow, village clerk Kathy Muniz said about 16-18 inches fell in town. She said the village had no problems, due to the round the clock work of village work supervisor Mike Alirez. "Our streets are excellent," Muniz said crediting Alirez's long hours of work removing snow. Muniz said she had visited Vaughn on Monday and the town streets there were still snow packed.

Muniz said State Road 247 from Corona to Roswell was still closed on Tuesday afternoon, "because of blowing snow." "This is really normal, I can remember," Muniz said of the deep snows. Muniz who grew up on a ranch near Santa Rosa said deep snows were common when she was young. "We've just gotten spoiled."

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# CAPITAN NOTES

Greetings from my old house by the side of the road to your house!!!

My most important news bit this week is about the annual Christmas concert that was held Sunday, December 21 at the Capitan School gym. The concert was sponsored by and in aid of Capitan's volunteer public library.

The first offering on the program was a puppet show presented by Mike, Jamie and Autumn Gish of Carrizozo, (and I hope I got all of that correct.) The puppets almost made you believe that they were honest to goodness human beings. And the show was certainly enjoyed by everyone, especially the little folks that sat down on the floor in front of the adults so they would not miss a bit of the entertainment.

Some of the artists that had promised to be in Capitan, unfortunately, could not make it so some of the anticipated talent was very much missed. However, as the old saying goes, the show must go on and go on it certainly did.

Pearl Tippin gave the always welcome rendition of "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens. And the fact that Pearl also hails from Merry Ole England made her reading of the Christmas Carol all the more enjoyable. Pearl is a winsome little lass, to say the least, and she promised to stop by again soon and give me a run-down of her life before Capitan and I shall hold her to it.

Intermission was spent partaking of the goodies that the different volunteers at the library provided. Such an array of cookies and confectionary delights, and the old waistline began to expand at the very first glance. Did get to visit and get a hug from Bea Payton, who is leaving next week for Idaho. And we all wish she and Ed a big Happy Ho Ho Ho and an admonition to have a good time but be sure and hurry back.

My special friend suggested that I accompany her to the extravaganza and as long as my other special friends, Jack and Chuck Johnson had presented me with their ticket because they were not going to be able to attend, and many thank you's to each of you. I certainly enjoyed every moment of it.

My friend Agatha Long played the guitar and sang and it was beautiful, just like she is. And as I had never had the pleasure of hearing Agatha before, I double thank you Jack and Chuck.

Another highlight of the program was the selected Christmas Carol played by Joshua Jones. He has a beautiful voice and methinks he might even hit the big time someday, shall we say. Right now Josh is a junior here in Capitan High School and spends time away from his studies working at our very, very special market right across the street from me and he has carried my groceries for me on occasion. A most delightful young man as well as handsome.

Anna Bernheisel sang various carols from Spain and she also has a very nice voice.

Joni Antrey sang western and cowboy Christmas songs and Staci Horst was the accompanist on the piano. She also accompanied the audience for the sing-a-long of the Christmas Carols.

All my life I wanted to sing. I cannot carry a tune in a basket, I think is the proverbial saying, and as a child wanted so desperately to sing, but when tryouts came along, after my tryout I was always relegated to the speaking department. Hence I have been speaking out, speaking for, speaking against and always, but always, speaking up. My late husband once remarked after I had read about some old lady that they thought had given her last breath and discovered to their dismay and in time, I might add, she wasn't ready for the hearse quite yet. That bothered me and naturally I spent several moments bemoaning what a terrible thing that would be, whereupon my husband spoke up in his inimitable way and said, "Honey, you have nothing to worry about. If you don't open your mouth and say something, then you are really gone." End of story, but certainly not the end of what I was thinking at that moment.

The evening was an enjoyable one for all those present and it ended with everyone scampering to get off their chairs and look underneath to see if they would luck out and win one of the prizes. As I never won anything in my life, I was not too disappointed when a peek under my chair revealed not a sign of a number.

The evening was most enjoyable and had a bit of a visit with favorite lady Elaine Beaudry when she finally arrived. She spent most of the evening loading and unloading some books that were donated to our fast growing library, a wonderful donation from some special folks and as they may have to sort and resort hopefully have another book sale, am especially anticipating that. Books lure me. Another smart remark from my late husband, "Honey, if you just stay quiet, you will impress folks with your book collection."

## OBITUARY

**JAMES WILLIAM "BILL" STIRMAN**

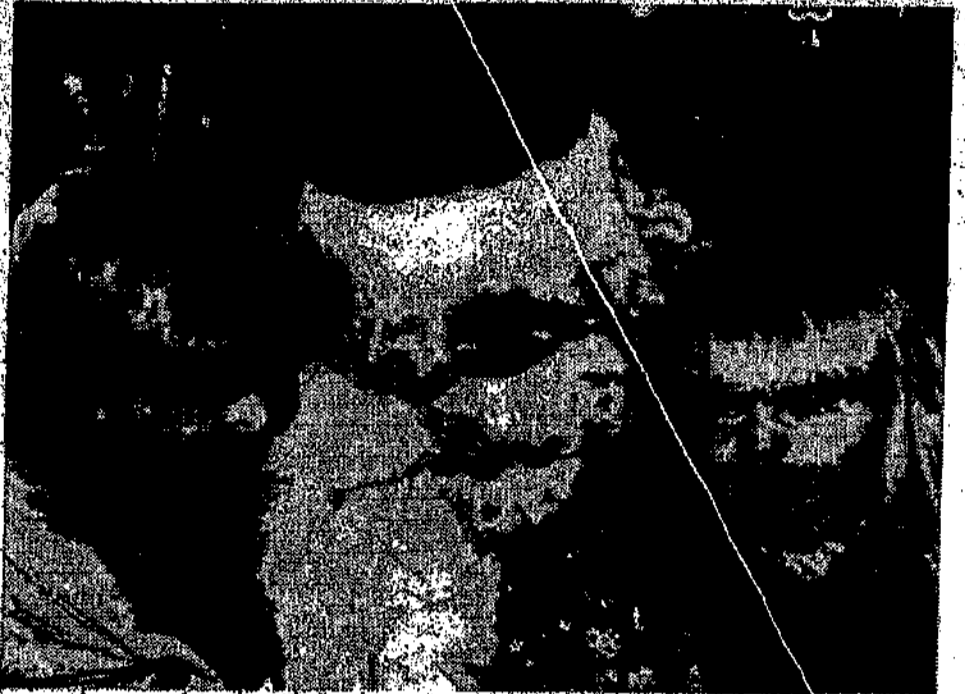
Funeral services for James William "Bill" Stirman, 52, of Ruidoso Downs were December 20, at Gateway Church of Christ. Burial followed at the Ruidoso-Hondo Cemetery.

Mr. Stirman died December 14, in Albuquerque. He is survived by his wife Kay Stirman; son Logan Stirman of Denver, CO; daughter Laura Stadjuhar and her husband Randy and two grandchildren of Las Cruces; two sisters, Betty Means of Marble Falls, TX, and Peggy Fisher of Ruidoso; brother Tom Reed of Waco, TX, and many nieces and nephews.

They will certainly think you are a member of "The Intelligencia, or whatever." He had a quick wit and I miss him terribly. Twenty years is a long time to live alone, but on the other side of the coin, living alone has its advantages, too.

Went up to the Senior Center last week and it was good to see Albert Paul back into the swing of things after his narrow escape from the automobile that ran over him. Always a pleasure to visit with his lovely wife. Cannot believe they have been married for 64 years.

Well folks, hope you had a Merry Christmas and besides all the presents you received, I hope your lives will be happy and your hearts filled with peace, contentment and good will for others. Have a Happy New Year. God Bless Ye One and All!!!!



KINDERGARTENERS Alyssa Dean (left), and Ashley Pruitt (right) enjoy some quality time with Santa during his visit to the Capitan Elementary Dec. 19.



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# Interviewing Fred LaMay At Age 96

(Part Two)

by Sue Hooser

**NOTE:** This interview of Fred LaMay took place in the Spring of 1997 and is presented in first person so the reader can enjoy the incredible humor of this interesting and resilient pioneer of Lincoln County. This cagey old gentleman stated: "You grow old too soon, and smart too late," and he was, at times, reluctant to talk. He admitted he left out some good stories because, "Sometimes, the truth hurts." But, he added, "everybody deserves some fun now and then, even if you can't talk about it." I thoroughly enjoyed Fred's accounts of life as he saw it during the first half of this century. Sue Hooser



Still, we were kinda like Daniel Boone, Juniors, cause we had deer meat, rabbits, quail, wild elderberries, honey from bee hives, and pinion nuts, too. We didn't go hungry (like some others did.) During some of the worst times in the depression, railroaders would come up here from El Paso and sleep in the barn and work for nothing, just to get to eat.

We finally got better off when we were able to buy a tractor and some farm equipment in the late 30s. When we were using horses, we had to raise feed for them, and that took a lot of our time. But this tractor worked better and we got rid of (some of) the horses.

My dad had an interest in a gold mine at one time, and I heard about it all my life. That's the reason why my mother tried to make me go to school, because she said: "If

(your) dad had have gone to school and could have gotten an education, then he wouldn't have gotten beat out of that mining claim." It seems his oldest sister's husband, Will Jennings, who was a partner with my dad in a mining claim, cheated dad out of his half of the mine, and then sold out for a good profit.

I moved over here on this ranch (near Carrizozo) in 1944. Dad and I had already bought this ranch, and I had helped him pay it off. Then when I moved over here, he made me pay him back for it again, so I did. When I came here I had a five gallon cream can to haul my water in, and a little greasy skillet, and my mother would do my laundry and bring it down to me. I didn't have a car, but rode horseback everywhere I went, but I didn't go very far, and I have enjoyed this place ever since. I married twice, and had to bury 'em both. Let me tell you, this country was hell on horses and women.

A typical day for me means an early breakfast, about 6:30, cereal and coffee. Then I go straight out and haul cubes to my cows in my pickup truck. I been feeding them since the first of February, but some years, when we have those droughts, I never stop feeding them. Then I fool around here, don't watch much TV, because there's nothing worth watchin' except the news, once in awhile. I read a lot, though, in fact I read too much. My eyes get tired sometimes. I've got to where when I pick up a paper to read, I'll read the whole thing before I put it down, and sometimes my eyes get tired. I don't take a rest during the day very often, but when I do, it always helps me. Sometimes, I'll cook me a big meal, like yesterday, I cooked some squash, steak, and biscuits. Then, everyday I go to town to get my mail. I ain't got no bills, and I don't get no paychecks, but I get the Livestock magazines, and the

Carrizozo paper, it's kinda newsy sometimes. I'm real proud that I still have my driver's license. I'll have to get them renewed next month, so I'm bein' real careful. I still like to go to dances, but the dances ain't what they used to be, because they got all that different music, that old fast hand-slapping stuff, you know. And they got all that machinery, them amplifiers, and they make that racket and call it music. I like that good old fiddling music - that's the only good music.

Nowadays, the Carrizozo Senior Center doesn't have very many dances. But I go to one once in awhile. They ain't much fun, because there ain't no wallflowers left. Seems like dances nowadays are strictly for the young people. They like that old loud, fast, wrestling music. That guy up there (in the band) would sit up there and beat those discs. And you can't even hear the words in the songs nowadays - they're not even words - they're just phrases or something.

But I do remember one shindig that stands out in my mind. I had crashed a high-classed party that night, and a lady got up and gave a toast. She said "There is no justice in this world. I just came from the divorce court and the judge gave the ex-husband custody of the kids, and they weren't even his'n." I still laugh about that.

My daily work is less now. My ranch is easy to handle. I have about 100 cows - this is a real good one-man ranch. I don't have any pigs, chickens, or dogs. I have one little horse, but he is old, and he hasn't been ridden for six years. I ain't rode since I was 85. Somebody stole my saddles, and my good horses died, and I've been a fool. Course, I don't think I could get on a horse now. I have boys I get to help me when I need to work the cattle.

What ranching means to me is responsibility. I was the oldest boy - the only boy with five sisters - until the three younger brothers were born much later. If anybody had to accept a lot of responsibility at a young age, it was me. And I knew I had better deliver the goods.

Ranching is a challenge in life, and you got to be a stayer, and I always stayed with it. I never was droughted out, I never had to sell out, and never got run out by a bank. I just kept plugging and finally got my ranch paid for. Now I have Social Security, so that helps.

I like ranching because I'm independent. Lots of guys go to work from 9 to 5 and then go home and have a paycheck every month. My days were much longer, and never got a paycheck, but I still liked it. I used to be able to get up at 2 am and go to work, or wait till daylight, and then go to work. But I don't have that much pep any more. Nowadays, I sleep till six o'clock most of the time.

This ranch means the world to me. I know I would just quit living if I had to sell this and go somewhere or move to town. I can get to feeling bad, and sometimes I just want to lay back down and doze off again. But when I get up, eat breakfast, and then get out there to feed the cattle, I feel better. I like to see the new life on the range, especially every Spring, and there's always something to look forward to. The doctor says, "You have something to live for, and if you sold out, you would be in misery. You wouldn't have nothing to do." And I've noticed for a long time that when people retire, they begin to deteriorate. I have a friend up in years, (Mrs. Mabel Rentfro of Carrizozo,) and she's 100 years old, I think. Course she's in a wheel chair, but she and her caretakers loads up her oxygen and they'll take her to play cards,

and they say, she is awful hard to beat, playing bridge. When someone mentioned a nursing home, she said "I'm a gonna stay right here, and I ain't a gonna die until I've spent every dime I've got." Sounds like a good idea to me. When my dad and Momma died, they left the homestead ranch to all the kids, although I had stayed and helped them for 50 years, and they didn't give me any special part. I know life is too short, and death is certain, but I have no one special to leave anything to.

I think I'm doing pretty good for my age, though. I still get around okay, I don't wear glasses, and I don't need oxygen. I'll be selling my 93rd calf crop this fall. I tell people that "There's only one way you can keep from getting old, and that's to die young, and I had my chance at that when I worked at the Silver Plume Mine in Rodemaker Canyon, just above Bonito Dam. I went down with Walter Gage to "muck up" residue and the Glycerin Powder Smoke toxicified the air. Walter got out, but I fell unconscious, and didn't revive until much later when they were carrying me to Dr. Johnson at the Carrizozo Hospital. I surprised everyone, though, and survived.

My weight stays the

same, 158, unless I have a pocket full of change, then I'll weigh 160. But I don't got near as much endurance as I used to have. And when you get old, you are not as cocky. You think, "By God, I ain't what I used to be." Once, as a kid, I played with dynamite, even carried dynamite caps in my mouth one time, took the wrapping off of dynamite and rewrapped the nitroglycerin to

make a new bomb out of it, then tried to explode it by hitting it with a rock and wouldn't do a darned thing. But the glycerin got into me, and gave me a headache that nearly killed me. Somehow it diluted my blood vessels and the blood couldn't get to my head. Another time I tried to hammer a .45 cartridge into

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**Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle**  
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor  
209 Lincoln Ave, Capitan, NM 354-2025  
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Sunday Evening..... 8:00 pm

**First Baptist Church**  
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor  
514 10th Ave, Carrizozo, NM 648-2988 (church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School..... 9:45 am  
Worship Service..... 10:55 am  
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm  
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)**  
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor  
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2188  
Sunday School..... 10:00 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Thursday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
SATURDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 5:00 pm  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm  
SUNDAY:  
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 9:00 am  
C'zozo Santa Rita..... 11:00 am  
Corona St. Theresa..... 4:00 pm

**Church of Christ**  
PAUL WETZEL, minister  
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2996  
Sunday School..... 10:30 am  
Worship Service..... 11:00 am  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 pm  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
FR. A. TRIPP, priest  
Corner of E Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM 1-258-4144  
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

**United Methodist Churches**  
BOB BOYD, pastor  
Trinity - Carrizozo  
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2846  
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am

Worship Service..... 11:10 am  
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm  
United Methodist Women Every 3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month..... 12:30 pm

**CAPITAN**  
Adult Sunday School..... 8:30 am  
Worship Service..... 9:15 am  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am  
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am  
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am  
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 7:00 pm  
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday  
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

**Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery**  
DON & MARJORIE DANIELS, co-pastors  
648-2650  
Nogal Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:  
Worship..... 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Corona Presbyterian Church:  
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship..... Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

**Christ Community Fellowship**  
ED VINSON, pastor  
514 Smokay Bear Blvd./A. Capitan  
Inter-denominational  
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship..... 10:30 a.m.

**Capitan Church of Christ**  
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister  
5th & Lincoln / 338-4627  
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
FLOYD GOODLOE, pastor  
Capitan (South on Highway 48)  
354-3119  
Sunday School..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship..... 11:00 a.m.  
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:30 a.m.

### NOTICE OF AIR QUALITY PERMIT APPLICATION

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The facility is located in Township SE/4 NW/4 and W/2 W/2 SW/4 NE/4, Section 11, Township 8 South, Range 10 East, N.M.P.M., approximately 1 mile southeast from the Township of Carrizozo in Lincoln County.

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Program Manager, Permits Section  
New Mexico Environment Department,  
Air Quality Bureau  
2048 Galisteo  
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505  
(505) 827-1464

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Mr. Scaggs will attend the January 27, 1998 Board of Trustees Meeting.

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**NOTICE OF DESIGNATION OF POLLING PLACES AND PRECINCT BOARD MEMBERS**

The Town of Carrizozo in connection with the Special Local Option Election to be held on January 13, 1998 and pursuant to 9-9-96 NMSA, 1978:

A.) Notice is hereby given that the following question, listed in order of appearance will be submitted to the voters:

1) Shall the issuance of restaurant licenses for the Sale of Beer and Wine be approved for restaurants within the boundaries of the Town of Carrizozo, an incorporated municipality in Lincoln County?

B.) Notice is hereby given that the following polling places shall be used for the conduct of the Special Local Option Election to be held on Tuesday, January 13, 1998:

- 1.) Voters in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13 within the municipal boundary shall vote at:
  - City Hall, Carrizozo Council Chambers
  - 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico
- 2.) Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the Office of the Municipal Clerk.
- C.) The following Precinct Board members have been appointed:
  - 1.) For Judge in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Don Means
  - For Clerks in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Terry Luna
  - Maxine LaMay
  - For Alternate Clerk in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13.....Barbara Jarrard
  - 2.) For Judge in Absent Voter Precinct 2A and 13.....Don Means
  - 3.) For Clerks in Absent Voter Precinct 2A and 13.....Terry Luna
  - Maxine LaMay

D.) Notice is hereby given that a Precinct Board Election School will be held Thursday, January 8, 1998 at City Hall Council Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico. The school will begin at 10:00 a.m. The school is open to the Public.

DATED this 29th of December, 1997.

**CAROL SCHLARB**  
Municipal Clerk

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**LEGAL**

**AVISO DESIGNACION DE LOCALES PARA VOTAR Y MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DIRECTIVA DE PRECINTO**

Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, Con respecto a la Eleccion Especial de Opcion Local que se llevara a cabo el dia 13 de Enero de 1998 y conforme a la Seccion 9-9-96 NMSA, 1978:

A.) Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes preguntas, inscritas en la orden que aparecen seran sometidas a los votantes:

1) Deberan aprobarse las licencias para la venta de cerveza y vino en restaurantes dentro la municipalidad de Carrizozo, Condado de Lincoln, y los linderos de la municipalidad incorporada?

B.) Por medio de la presente se da noticia que las siguientes locales para votar se usaran para la Eleccion Especial de Opcion Local que se llevara a cabo el dia 13 de Enero, 1998.

- 1.) Votantes en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13 dentro del lindero municipal votaran en:
  - Pueblo de Carrizozo, Cuarto de Consejo
  - 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico
- 2.) Votantes en el precinto de votantes ausentes votaran en la oficina de la Escribana Municipal.
- C.) Los siguientes miembros del Cuerpo Directivo del Precinto han sido nombrados:
  - 1.) Para el juez en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Don Means
  - Para escribanas en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Terry Luna
  - Maxine LaMay
  - Para la alternativa escribana en los Precintos Consolidados 2A y 13.....Barbara Jarrard
  - 2.) Para el juez en el Precinto de votante absentista.....Don Means
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  - Maxine LaMay
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Fechaado este dia 29th de Diciembre de, 1997.

**CAROL SCHLARB**  
Escribana Municipal

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**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Advisory Board will hold their regular scheduled meeting January 8, 1997, at 1:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED IN ACCORDANCE with Resolution 97-15, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual

with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearings or meetings, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall, 648-2371, at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

**PAT VOSS**  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Carrizozo Lodger's  
Tax Advisory Board  
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**LINCOLN COUNTY LODGERS TAX COMMITTEE**

**REGULAR MEETING**  
January 13, 1998  
10:00 a.m.

**NOTICE OF MEETING**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 13, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., at the Lincoln Cable Office, 117 Vision, Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 13, 1998, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting. Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2336 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

**MARTHA GUEVARA**  
Assistant  
County Manager  
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**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

No. CV-97-105

**THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS Trustee Under the Pooling and Servicing Agreement Dated as of February 28, 1995, Series 1995-A, Plaintiff,**

**vs. WILLIAM M. THOMPSON and AMBER D. THOMPSON, Defendant(s).**

**NOTICE OF SALE**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 9, 1998, at the hour of 11:45 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the east door of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell all the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendant(s) in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 206 Carter Circle, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and is particularly described as follows:

Lot 9, Block 8 of 2nd Supplement to Paradise Canyon Subdivision, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, April 26, 1986.

**THE FOREGOING** SALE will be made to satisfy a judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on November 19, 1997, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment, which includes interest and costs, is \$41,746.37 and the same bears interest at ten point five two percent (10.52%) per annum from November 16, 1997. The amount of such interest to that date of sale will be \$661.65. The Plaintiff has 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.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to a one (1) month right of redemption.

**Darrell N. Brantley**  
Special Master  
Hearing Officer  
Otero County  
District Court  
1000 New York  
Avenue, Room D,  
2nd Floor  
Alamogordo,  
New Mexico 88310  
(505) 437-7310  
Ext. 45

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 1997 at 6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

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**CAROL SCHLARB, CMCAAE**  
Town Clerk,  
Town of Carrizozo

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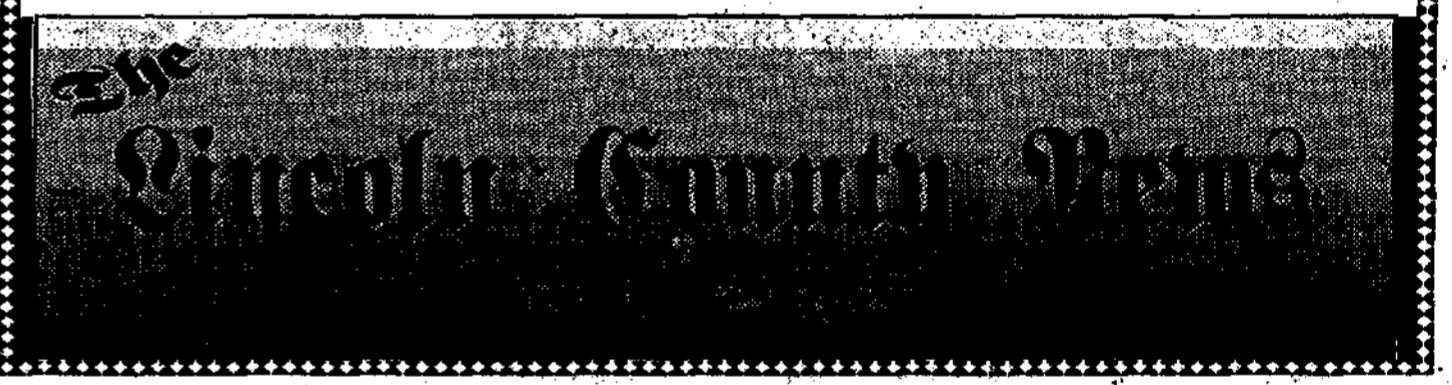
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The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

**December 1:**  
11:20 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a non emergency transport to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso. Captain ambulance responded.  
12:18 p.m. Carrizozo Health Clinic requested an ambulance for a transfer to LCMC. Carrizozo ambulance responded.  
2:35 p.m. a caller requested animal control in the Agua Rita area for a chow dog at large. The animal control officer was assigned.  
6:58 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of an injured deer on the east side of Highway 48 at mile marker 12. New Mexico Game and Fish department advised they had no officer in the area and requested if a deputy could put the animal down. A deputy responded.  
8:09 p.m. a 911 caller said her husband wanted to complain, then she hung up. Dispatch called the number and the caller advised she did not want an officer and she would not tell the dispatcher where her location. Finally the woman said it was west of Capitán, so dispatch had a deputy call the woman. The deputy also checked out the area, but he was not able to locate the house.

**December 2:**  
7:07 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for his 60 year old wife. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the woman to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo.  
8:39 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a woman customer who fainted at a business. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the woman to LCMC.

1:29 p.m. state police advised of a fatal accident at mile marker 150 on Highway 54. State police responded with assistance by two deputies. Corona ambulance and Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the injured to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital in Alamogordo. The second Carrizozo ambulance transported the deceased. Corona fire department and the OMI also responded. Two wreckers also responded to clear the wreckage.  
1:57 p.m. state highway department requested a wrecker to remove a pickup from the north side of Angus Hill on Highway 48. A wrecker was notified.

4:25 p.m. a one vehicle roll-over with no injuries was reported on Highway 380 about 25 miles west of Carrizozo in the construction zone. State police and a wrecker were notified.  
5:31 p.m. a caller reported a white pickup was blocking the driveway in the Cedar Creek area.  
7:33 p.m. Torrance County Sheriff's Office requested a report of an accident at mile marker 140 on Highway 54. The vehicle had only slid off the highway and needed a wrecker. A wrecker was notified.

7:35 p.m. a caller reported a traffic hazard on Gavilan Canyon Road. A vehicle's tail end was sticking out into the roadway.  
8:04 p.m. a motorist reported a traffic hazard on Highway 54 south of Carrizozo. A semi truck had limited lights.  
8:32 p.m. a business reported a subject in a vehicle in the parking lot had a stereo blaring. Capitán police were notified.

9:18 p.m. LCMC advised that a Lifeline was sounding on Buck Trail. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support was paged and responded.  
**December 3:**  
1:44 a.m. a caller reported a one vehicle roll-over about half mile south of Corona on Highway 54. Corona ambulance responded and transported the injured to meet with Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) to complete the transport to LCMC. State police also responded.  
7:19 a.m. a caller reported a minor accident with injuries involving a van pulling another van about a mile and a half north of Corona on Highway 54. State police requested an ambulance, so Corona ambulance responded and the patient refused transport to the hospital.  
7:56 a.m. an anonymous caller reported two dogs at large in Capitán, reportedly the dogs were attacking other dogs. Capitán police were notified.  
9:12 a.m. a caller reported a structure fire at a location on Broadmoor in Alto. Dispatch advised the woman to get herself and others out of the residence, then dispatch paged Bonito Fire Department, RALS and a deputy

which all responded.  
12:15 p.m. a caller requested an officer for suspicious persons in a dark colored van which was possibly stuck because the people were walking up the forest road in the Shangri La subdivision. A deputy responded.  
1:14 p.m. a caller reported smoke at a location off the old Fort Stanton road. Bonito Fire Department was notified and later advised that it was an unreported controlled burn.  
3:12 p.m. a motorist reported a one vehicle accident with no injuries, the vehicle ran off the road at mile marker 163 on Highway 285. State police in Roswell were notified.  
8:26 p.m. a caller reported harassing phone calls. She was referred to Capitán police.

**December 4:**  
6:28 a.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries on Tecolote Hill on Highway 54 south of Corona. State police were notified.  
8:48 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a residence off Highway 70 east. The caller advised that he and his wife and daughter must have been exposed to something that made them very sick, they were fainting and had pressure in his chest. The caller refused to wait for an ambulance and loaded up his family and drove to LCMC. A deputy was dispatched to intercept with the vehicle and escort it to the emergency room. Dispatch notified the ER of the incoming patients who has possible carbon dioxide poisoning.

10:33 a.m. a caller requested a motorist assist from a business. Carrizozo police responded.  
11:23 a.m. a caller reported she lost her purse with all items in it at a location in Capitán. A deputy was assigned.  
11:40 a.m. a deputy requested a wrecker for a vehicle driven by a subject whose license had been revoked. He stopped the subject at mile marker 306 on Highway 70. A wrecker responded.  
11:37 a.m. a caller requested animal control for two stray dogs in Nogal Canyon. A deputy responded.

6:25 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a 72 year old woman who was having difficulty breathing. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the woman to LCMC.  
7:23 p.m. a 911 caller requested an ambulance for a 60 year old person with injured fingers. Carrizozo ambulance responded.  
10:29 p.m. state police requested the sheriff's office check out an accident without injuries at mile marker 151 on Highway 54 north of Carrizozo. A deputy responded.

**December 5:**  
7:26 a.m. a caller requested animal control for five to six dogs running at large. Capitán police responded but made no contact with the dogs.  
9:37 a.m. Bonito fire department advised they were searching for the smoke in the Alto area. Later the fire fighters reported the smoke was coming from an unreported controlled burn.  
10:27 a.m. Carrizozo ambulance advised they were making a transport to Gerald Champion Memorial Hospital.  
12:52 p.m. a caller reported 10 to 13 head of livestock going across highway 380 east of Carrizozo. Two deputies responded.

1:20 p.m. a caller reported a mule and a horse on Highway 70 west of Ruidoso. Dispatch attempted to contact an owner with no luck, so she notified the brand inspector and the animal control officer.  
1:26 p.m. a person walked into the sheriff's office and reported 10 to 13 emu at large six miles east of Carrizozo on Highway 380. Dispatch tried to contact a possible owner but made no contact.  
1:33 p.m. a two vehicle accident without injuries was reported at the intersection of Mechem and Sudderth Drives. Ruidoso police were notified.  
6:12 p.m. a caller reported juveniles throwing snowballs and she was afraid they would break her window. Capitán police responded.  
8:49 p.m. a 911 caller reported a possible drunken driver at mile marker 272 on Highway 70 east. The driver was over the line, passing on curves and running westbound traffic off the road. State police in Roswell were notified.

10:16 p.m. a 911 caller reported four men in a car were harassing her dogs and knocking on the door at a location on Highway 70 west of Mesalero. Dispatch notified state police and Otero County Sheriff's

Office and stayed on the line with the woman until state police arrived.  
10:49 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance because he thought his wife was dead. The caller met with the responding deputy and RALS to escort them to his home in the Little Creek subdivision. The OMI was also contacted.  
**December 6:**  
1:21 a.m. a caller reported a loose horse on 17th Street. Carrizozo police responded.  
7:22 a.m. a caller reported a pickup on fire on Sun Valley Road. Bonito Fire Department, state police and a wrecker responded.  
8:14 a.m. a 911 caller hung up. Dispatch called back and the line was busy. Five minutes later she called back and the line was busy, so dispatch had the operator check the line and no one was on it. State police were notified of the situation at a location on the Arabela highway. Later state police advised all was okay.  
8:19 a.m. a golf course reported criminal damage to property involving two pick-up trucks. A deputy responded.  
9:42 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a nine year old girl whom the caller had found unconscious at a location in Carrizozo. The girl was conscious and the caller requested the ambulance meet his private vehicle at the clinic. Carrizozo ambulance transported the child to LCMC.  
10:16 a.m. an unknown caller reported a structure fire at a residence on a ranch near Corona. Corona fire department responded with all units on the scene. Corona ambulance also responded.  
10:16 a.m. a caller requested to speak to a deputy who investigated a possible stolen vehicle from the White Oaks area. Dispatch advised that Donn Ann County Sheriff's Office called about his vehicle. The requested deputy advised that everything was okay in White Oaks, the gates were locked and the vehicle was there.  
10:23 a.m. a caller reported three little emus on highway 380 at eight mile crossing. Dispatch contacted the owner.  
10:46 a.m. a caller reported a theft/larceny, a backhoe bucket was stolen. Carrizozo police were notified.  
10:50 a.m. Carrizozo police reported a pickup with an antelope tied on top about 10 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Dispatch contacted Game and Fish in Santa Fe.  
1:46 p.m. a caller reported an abandoned vehicle in the middle of Eagle Creek road. The responding deputy requested a wrecker.  
3:04 p.m. a caller reported a hit and run accident in the parking lot of the ski run. State police were notified.  
3:16 p.m. a unknown female reported a domestic and requested an officer. Carrizozo police and a deputy responded.

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## Interviewing Fred LaMay . . .

(Cont. from P. 7)

the barrel of an old .44 caliber Confederate pistol of my dad's. It exploded and made the darndest smoke you ever saw, but didn't hurt me. But I have to be careful now, because if I hurt myself or fall, being out here alone, no one would ever know.  
Now, most of my activity revolves around my cows. I don't want to sell them but I may have to sometime cause it looks like I'm running out of time. My mother and dad both died when they were 94 and I'm 96. Being 96 means I ain't no spring chicken, and my time's running out. Sometimes I wonder if I didn't waste my whole damned life because here I am sitting alone at 96, and doing my own laundry! But, I'm not half ready to die! I would like to find another wife so's I would have some help with my laundry. But, if not, I'll just do my own laundry and housekeeping, and I'll keep my cows and my little ranch. And when I take a notion, I'll choose that old pickup of mine any time I get ready, cause no matter what else, I'm still my own boss.

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# More Sheriff's Report

(Cont. from P. 9)

4:55 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a 92 year old woman who has possibly had a stroke at her residence in the Nogal area. Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the woman to LCMC.  
 5:08 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a vehicle lock-out. Capitan police responded.  
 5:45 p.m. a caller requested a wrecker at a location 30 miles west of Carrizozo on Highway 380. A wrecker responded.  
 6:11 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle hit a rock and punctured the fuel tank at the construction site on Highway 380 west of

Carrizozo and the people in the vehicle lived in Corona. A deputy responded.  
 7:09 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance at a residence in Corona. Corona ambulance responded and transported the patient to Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque.  
 December 7:  
 7:56 a.m. a caller reported an accident on Highway 48 near Gavilan Canyon Road. RALS responded but the patient refused transport. State police also responded.  
 8:30 a.m. a caller reported 10 to

18 emus crossing Highway 380 at Eight Mile Crossing. A deputy advised he would pick up the animals and hold them for the owner, but he made no contact at the location.  
 10:15 a.m. the ski run reported a two vehicle accident with no injuries on the ski run road. State police were notified.  
 1:42 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a 47 year old woman who had fallen or passed out, and was complaining of face pain. Carrizozo ambulance responded.  
 5:29 p.m. a caller reported hitting a bull (bovine) on Highway 70 west of Glencoe and the animal was still alive in the roadway and there were no injuries to the vehicle occupants. State police were notified and a deputy responded. The deputy advised all was okay, state police were there and the owner was moving the cow off the roadway.  
 9:37 p.m. a caller requested to talk with the physician's assistant (PA) about a subject with a nosebleed at a location in Carrizozo. Because the PA was not available, dispatch paged Carrizozo ambulance which responded, but the patient refused transport.  
 December 8:  
 4:58 a.m. state police in Socorro advised of an 18 wheeler that was stuck on the shoulder of Highway 54 about six miles north of Carrizozo. Dispatch notified state police in Alamogordo who were dispatching a Class D wrecker.  
 7:40 a.m. Ruidoso police reported an accident without injuries on Highway 48 in Alto. State police were notified.  
 9:15 a.m. a wrecker requested traffic control on Highway 54 north, he was pulling out the stuck semi. A deputy responded.  
 9:27 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance. Corona ambulance responded, but the patient refused transport.  
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 1:10 p.m. a caller reported a domestic between a mother and daughter at a location off Highway 70. A deputy responded.

2:05 p.m. a caller reported theft of construction materials in the Ruidoso area. A deputy responded.  
 5:16 p.m. a caller reported a fight in the parking lot of a business in Carrizozo. A deputy and Carrizozo police responded.  
 5:28 p.m. a caller advised his neighbor put a post in the right of way and now was putting nails on his side of the property, creating a danger to his kids. A deputy responded and talked to both parties about the civil problem.  
 7:23 p.m. a caller reported a big tree was on the old Fort Stanton Mesa road. A deputy responded.  
 9:30 p.m. a caller reported that Highway 48 in Alto was snow covered. State highway department was notified.  
 9:56 p.m. a caller advised that his minor daughter was with an adult male subject. Carrizozo police responded.  
 10:11 p.m. a 911 caller hung up. Dispatch called the party back and a female hung up again. Dispatch called again and he requested an officer, she advised he would not give up keys and he hurt her leg, then she hung up. The assigned deputy advised to roll an ambulance. Carrizozo ambulance responded, but the call was canceled by the responding deputy.  
 December 9:  
 10:34 a.m. a caller requested animal control at a location off highway 37. He needed traps for many cats. The animal control officer was assigned.  
 11:48 a.m. a caller reported an abandoned vehicle in Alpine Village was creating a traffic hazard. State police were notified.  
 12:46 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a 73 year old female who slipped on the ice in Alto and had a possible broken ankle. RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC.  
 1:10 p.m. a caller requested information on his horse which he had been told was impounded. Dispatch found that the Livestock Inspector was handling the situation and she advised the caller of the information.  
 3:37 p.m. Ruidoso police requested a deputy for traffic control on Gavilan Canyon Road for a trailer house stuck in a ditch, partially on the roadway. A deputy responded.  
 4:44 p.m. a caller requested a deputy for a burglary/larceny at Ranches de Sopterra. The garage door was open and several power tools and other electrical items were

stolen. A deputy responded.  
 9:37 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle blocking the road in the Cedar Creek area. At 9:38 p.m. the county road department advised the road was a sheet of ice and they were going to try to break it up.  
 December 10:  
 6:31 a.m. a caller requested assistance, his mother died in the night at the family home at a location off Highway 70. A deputy and the OMI responded.  
 2:05 p.m. an Albuquerque detective requested assistance to locate a subject at some condos in the Alto area for an on-going investigation. A deputy responded.  
 3:39 p.m. a caller reported an accident without injuries. A vehicle in the roadway in Alpine Village was hit by a backhoe. State police were notified.  
 5:26 p.m. a deputy requested a wrecker for a white pickup that had slid off Highway 70 at Biscuit Hill and was stuck in the snow. A wrecker responded.  
 5:33 p.m. a caller reported a traffic hazard at the intersection of Highway 70 and Sudderth Drive. A vehicle was stopped partially in the roadway. Ruidoso police were notified.  
 7:26 p.m. a caller reported a vehicle slid off Highway 70 in Ruidoso Downs and hit a pole. Ruidoso Downs Police were notified.  
 7:25 p.m. a caller requested an officer to deliver a message to a juvenile at a church to contact his father. Capitan police responded.  
 8:31 p.m. a one vehicle rollover was reported on Highway 70 in Hondo. Hondo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC. A deputy investigated the accident because state police were involved with an accident north of Corona.  
 9:12 p.m. a caller reported a domestic in progress in Cedar Creek area. A deputy responded.  
 12:38 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a dumpster fire one mile on Airport Drive. Bonito Fire Department responded.  
 7:13 p.m. a caller reported a domestic and a subject wanted on a warrant at a location in Loma Grande. A woman was at the caller's residence because she left her residence due to a domestic situation with her husband who hit her and choked her 11 year old son. The subject was wanted on an active warrant out of Chaves County. The suspect was possibly drunk. Four deputies responded.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

## LEGAL

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN**  
 No. PB-97-34  
 Division III  
**IN THE MATTER OF: DALTON JOE HUTO and CODY STEPHAN VEGA,**  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
 NOTICE is hereby given that on the 13th day of January, 1998 at 3:30 p.m., the Petitioner's Motion for Appointment of Permanent Guardianship shall be heard before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge, Division III at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.  
 The Honorable Karen L. Parsons  
 Published in the Lincoln County News on December 31, 1997 and January 8, 1998.

# CORONA NEWS

Saturday a week ago gave us our seventh tracking snow, this time from four inches to a foot with cold and fog.  
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 Because the first Thursday of the new month is a holiday, Crown CowBelles will meet for a covered dish luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 7, at the home of June Tyree.  
 Kay Lindsey, President of N.M. CowBelles installed Crown's officers with a Boot and Candy ritual. She compared the qualities of boot leather to the qualities necessary in officers for success. This meeting Mrs. Lindsey will go over the by-laws, discuss insurance and make suggestions, little things, that may increase interest and attendance.  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Beessie and Rick Gage are the parents of 7-lb. 11-oz. Hanna Nicole, born Friday afternoon, December 19 in Roswell. Hanna has a brother, six year old Joshua who thinks his sister is "pretty". Maternal grandpa-

rents are Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Luerras, paternal, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gage.  
 \*\*\*\*\*  
 Justin Oliver of Durango, CO is spending the school break with grandparents, Shirley and Virgil Owen. His parents Michelle and Chris Pettit brought them Saturday in the storm, and they returned home Sunday.  
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 The Mennonites from the Belen Church assisted by Tim Sanchez will hold a service at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, January 10, in the Piggett Building in Cedarvale. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.  
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 Jonathan Harelson of T or C, is spending his school vacation with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Will Harelson. Johnnie Faye and Bill went after him and returned Saturday by way of Mountainair because of road conditions from San Antonio to Carrizozo.  
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**And to all A Great 1998!**

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 FRESH HOT JALAPENOS ..... LB. 49¢  
 GREEN ONIONS ..... 4 FOR \$1.00  
 FRESH GREEN CABBAGE ..... LB. 29¢  
 GREEN SKIN AVOCADOS ..... 4 FOR \$1.00  
 TEXAS RIO STAR GRAPEFRUIT ..... 8 FOR \$1.00

REG. NO. 10 BEANS OR REG. W/BEANS  
**Hormel Chili**  
 19 OZ. CAN  
**99¢**

REG. NO. BLEACH, TIDEFREE OR MOUNTAIN SPRING  
**Tide Ultra 2 Powder**  
 92-94 OZ. BOX  
**5<sup>99</sup>**

SIZES 1-5  
**Pampers**  
 22-40 CT.  
**6<sup>39</sup>**

SHURFINE FRESH SHELLED OR W/SNAPS  
**Blackeye Peas**  
 16 OZ.  
**4\$1**  
 FOR

REGULAR OR LITE  
**Coffee-Mate**  
 16 OZ. JAR  
**2<sup>29</sup>**

FOR ALL COFFEE MAKERS ASSORTED  
**Folger's Coffee**  
 34.5-39 OZ.  
**7<sup>49</sup>**

**JUMBO LEG QTRS.** ..... LB. **38¢**  
**LEG QTRS. SMALL PKG.** ..... LB. **48¢**  
**BONELESS CHUCK ROAST** ..... LB. **1.38**  
**SURFINE MEAT WIENERS** ..... 12-OZ. **58¢**  
**SURFINE BACON** ..... 1-LB./LB. **1.58**  
**BONELESS ARM ROAST** ..... LB. **1.58**  
**CHUCK STEAK** ..... LB. **1.58**  
**ARM SHOULDER STEAKS** ..... LB. **1.78**  
**BEEF STEW MEAT** ..... LB. **1.98**  
**FRESH GROUND CHUCK** ..... LB. **1.49**

**SHURFINE BOLOGNA, COOKED SALAMI & P&P LOAF** ..... 12-OZ. **78¢**  
**SHURFINE BEEF, HAM & TURKEY THIN SLICE MEATS** ..... 2.5-OZ. **38¢**  
**SHURFINE 97% FAT FREE SLICED HAM** ..... 12-OZ. **2.38**  
**SHURFINE SLICED TURKEY BREAST** ..... 12-OZ. **2.38**  
**SHURFINE JUMBO MEAT FRANKS** ..... 1-LB. **88¢**

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