

CSI To Manage Jail For 60 Days

by Doris Cherry

Beginning January 5, a private jail operator will be in charge of administering the Lincoln County Detention Center at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo until March 4.

At the Lincoln County Commission regular meeting on December 16, commissioners declared the situation at the jail an emergency and authorized the county attorney and county manager to negotiate

and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with a private jail operator to administrate the jail on a temporary basis.

Jail administrator Wayland Hill has told the county commission the jail has been short handed for quite some time. Then three weeks ago, two jailers were placed on administrative leave, accused of inappropriate physical contact with inmates. Commissioners responded by reorganizing the remaining staff

and bringing on additional staff, including designating detention lieutenant Russell Beckley as temporary administrator.

At their special meeting Monday, December 22, in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, commissioners reviewed the negotiated MOU with Correctional Systems, Inc. (CSI) to operate and administer the county detention center for the 60 days. While \$19,500 was set aside on the

proposed budget transfer resolution document provided in the meeting agenda, the final negotiated amount for the 60 day period, was \$17,500. According to county manager Frank Potter, the final dollar amount was negotiated by county attorney Alan Morel and himself with the CSI. County commissioners also discussed the MOU during closed session.

During discussions about the jail operator, former deputy and county jailer Jimmie

Luna offered his services as interim jail administrator, at much lower the price than for the private company. Luna said he was very familiar with the jail, its operations, problems and staff and could more easily deal with problems than an outside group with no knowledge of the facility. Morel said because of the emergency situation he did not have to issue a request for proposals for the temporary administrator.

Luna said he did talk with

Potter about the jail situation, but he did not want to work part time, or the night shift. He said he did not present a proposal to Potter as jail administrator because he was not given the opportunity to offer a proposal.

Citizen E. J. Fouratt said the jail situation has been an ongoing situation for a number of years. Wayland Hill

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LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS PHOTOGRAPHER, DORIS CHERRY catches Capitan kindergarteners Cody Ventura (left) and William Dunalp (right) chatting with Santa, as the two youngsters get in their last minute requests that might be added to their wish list for Christmas, during Santa's visit to the Capitan Elementary last Friday, Dec. 19.

Commissioners Don't Approve Resolution

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners took more than an hour to discuss a resolution for proposed budget transfers during a special meeting Monday. Then they tied their vote and the resolution died.

With commissioner Bill Schwettmann absent from the special meeting held in the courthouse in Carrizozo on Monday morning, there was no one to break the tie. Commission chairman Ray Nunley and commissioner Rex Wilson voted to accept the resolution which adjusted several line items, including ones for facilities improvements, a rounded number for the price of a vehicle purchased at the December 16 regular meeting, and salary adjustments in the jail. But commissioners Monroy Montes and Wilton Howell voted no on the resolution, with no explanation.

Because the resolution failed in the tied vote, the budget adjustment resolution commissioners approved on a 4-1 vote at their December 22 regular meeting will be the binding document. Howell had called for the special meeting Monday to review the budget adjustment resolution. He wanted detailed documentation on the money spent on moving the old Carrizozo clinic. Howell denied he was trying to micro-manage, rather he said he was trying to justify the budget.

"I think we ought to be better informed," Howell said about the proposed \$50,000 transfer into the budget line item for facilities.

County manager Frank Potter said he kept commissioners informed of the move and its costs in his weekly report. "It's either that or meet every week," Potter said. "I hope you appreciate my position and what I have to do to get the job done and the process I do every day to carry on county government."

Nunley asked that commissioners be provided a break out of what the \$50,000 will be spent on. Potter said the \$50,000 is not only for moving the old clinic building, demolishing the old medical side and disposing of the debris, but also for necessities of the day to day operation of county government. Potter said the funds also will be

needed to provide storage for the voting machines.

Wilson reminded his fellow commissioners that they committed to providing storage for the machines when they agreed to move the old clinic building to Hondo.

Commissioners continued to review the proposed budget transfers by each item. Although the transfers were approved at the December 16 meeting, the new budget transfer resolution provided for the \$17,500 for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Correctional Systems, Inc. (CSI) for temporary administration of the jail. The adjustments also reflected the other staffing changes in the jail.

Overall adjustments for corrections was \$167,814.31 which includes \$100,000 for contractual incarceration, \$52,297.33 for full time salaries, \$7,562 for overtime, \$7,712.50 for ankle start up fees.

Nunley questioned how jailer Russell Beckley could be given a "temporary" raise to take over responsibilities in the jail after administrator Wayland Hill's stroke. Potter said it is common in government, and was given to Beckley because he was given additional duties. But Montes said that type of thing should be brought to the commissioners not to the county manager, such as when the sheriff asked for additional compensation for his employees who were given additional duties. Potter said that was a different situation because that compensation was a recurring cost. "We don't have enough employees to do cross training (for different responsibilities)," Potter said. "This is a temporary assignment (for Beckley). I think it's good management."

Potter said he would provide commissioners with all requests for changes in salary in the future.

(The jail has been under the management of the manager's office since former sheriff James McSwane turned it over because commissioners would not provide enough funding to adequately staff the jail.)

Nunley said such situations have occurred with past managers, "and we probably were not even aware."

Potter said such a temporary increase in pay was allowed

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Snow Blankets Lincoln County

by Doris Cherry

Once again snow blanketed most of Lincoln County over the weekend.

Ski Apache reported seven new inches of snow on Saturday. Ruidoso and Capitan area got six to seven inches, ranch areas north of the Capitan Mountains even more than seven inches of snow. Numerous accidents were reported on Highway 70 in the Hondo Valley, especially on Picacho Hill, where a semi truck turned over and several vehicles were involved in minor accidents because of slick and snowy conditions.

Conditions got no better the further east travelers got. Roswell reported receiving up to nine inches of wet snow. All day Saturday, highways in Lincoln County were snowpacked as snow fell heavily throughout the morning and early afternoon. By Saturday night, state police closed Highway 380 west of Carrizozo to Interstate 25 because of snowpacked and icy conditions. Highway 48 between Capitan and Ruidoso and Highway 70 between

Mescalero and Ruidoso was also closed because of the snow.

County road crews were out scraping snow from county roads on Saturday and Sunday, state highway crews also were out Saturday and Sunday. Major roads by Sunday afternoon were mostly dry and clear, helped by sunshine

later in the day.

By mid-morning Monday another snow storm moved into Lincoln County. Weather reports indicate snow storms throughout Christmas week.

Law enforcement personnel advise everyone to stay at home unless necessary. And if

travel is necessary, motorists should be cautious, not speed or make sudden moves on snowy roads which will probably be slick.

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under the new personnel policy and was only needed because of an unfortunate situation.

Nunley suggested the commission not participate in Potter's management authority. He commended Potter for taking action in the Road Department where one employee was given additional compensation for temporarily taking over the

position of another employee who was unable to work. "I don't think I violated the personnel ordinance," Potter said. "It's just that a lot has happened in the last six months."

Nunley said Potter had not done anything wrong. "Just his management style has not jelled with the commissioners."

Other questions were asked about the sheriff's seizure fund, which Howell thought should go toward paying for incarcerating the inmates arrested on drug charges. But sheriff Tom Sullivan said those funds have to go back to the drug task force.

After discussing the proposed budget transfers for more than an hour, commissioners recessed into a closed session to discuss personnel and pending and/or threatened litigation. After closed session commissioners approved the MOU with CSI for temporary jail administration, but tied their vote to approve the proposed budget transfers.

Nunley said the proposed budget transfer resolution will be on the agenda of the January commission meeting.



LEOTA PFINGSTEN, THE RANCHING SCHOOLMARM, and her husband Fred. Read about this pioneer on page 12.

CSI To Manage Jail

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kept the jail alive by his own will power," Fouratt said. "I agree with Jay McSwane (former Lincoln County Sheriff) who five years ago turned the jail over to the county commission because of inadequate staffing."

Lincoln County Commission Chairman Ray Nunley agreed with Fouratt's comments about Hill. While commissioners had already authorized the MOU, they took action to accept it for the \$17,500.

Part of the \$17,500 goes for the cost of the interim admin-

istrator, Mike Borrego, who is scheduled to come into the jail on January 5 and serve as administrator for 60 days. At the end of 30 days, CSI will provide a comprehensive evaluation and report and recommendations on the jail operations. Potter said CSI representative Charlie Turnbo also plans to work closely with the county to provide recommendations to improve the county jail.

According to Borrego's resume Borrego was jailor in the El Paso County Jail from 1966 to 1970, correction officer for the Federal Bureau of Prisons from 1970 to 1977 with primary duties at Safford Arizona Federal Prison Camp. From 1977 to 1981 Borrego was lieutenant of the Metropolitan Correctional Center, San Diego, CA. From 1981 to 1982 he was assistant correctional services administrator of Bureau of Prisons North Central Regional Office in Kansas City, MO where he provided support and informational services to the corrections institutions in that region. Prisons included the U.S. penitentiaries at Marion ILL, Leavenworth, KS, Terre Haute, IN, and others. From 1982-83 he was captain at the federal correctional institution in Seagoville, TX where he was head of the correctional services department supervising six lieutenants and 70 other employees. He was directly responsible for security of the institution and chairman of the discipline committee there which took action on about 400 inmate disciplinary cases. From 1983 to 1985 he was captain at the Federal Prison Camp in Big Spring, TX where he supervised five lieutenants and 60 other employees. From 1984-87 he was camp administrator at the U.S. Penitentiary in Lewisburg, PA, under the warden. He was responsible for all camp operations, including 20 employees and 400 inmates at Lewisburg. From 1987 to 1990 he was unit manager of the federal correctional institution at La Tuna, TX (near El Paso) where he managed a department of case managers and institution programming for more than 450 inmates.

Borrego voluntarily retired from the Bureau of Prisons in 1990 after 20 years of service. His 24 years of correctional experience have been in direct inmate management as a correctional officer, first line supervisor, department head, and institution administrator. Borrego graduated from

Ysleta High School (near El Paso), and holds an associate of arts degree from Eastern Arizona College.

Other staff changes at the jail included hiring a full time secretary. Monday morning, THE NEWS called the jail to ask if the interim jail manager had been brought on. When THE NEWS asked the secretary if she was brought in by the county or was working for the private jail operator she refused to comment and said THE NEWS had to talk to Potter because it involved personnel issues.

Potter told THE NEWS the secretary was transferred from the treasurer's office to the jail to handle money and other secretarial duties.

Meanwhile the investigation into the allegations against the two jailers continues. According to District Attorney Scot Key investigators have additional interviews to conduct and a transcript must be done of all interviews before he takes any action. Key assured he will contact THE NEWS about any action taken as a result of the investigation.

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The "Angels" Of Camp Sierra Blanca

By J. Zane Walley

Some have been in jail more than 20 times for nonviolent crimes; many had just begun that sad course, but all their lives change abruptly when they arrive at Camp Sierra Blanca near Capitan. Bo Cooksey, a fit and vigorous former Airborne Ranger, greets new arrivals in the woodland near the camp. They arrive in leg irons and hand cuffs. These restraints are removed as Bo directs. "You won't wear these again while you are here, and we won't ever give up on helping you. We do have strict rules and they will be followed, or you will pay the consequences."

Shoes come off, right behind the shackles, and each youngster is issued an enormous set of high-topped rubber boots. They are too big for them to run in, and if they shuck 'em and try to run barefooted the sheepheads (a thorny ground hugging plant) will slow 'em down. The former Sergeant explains in his Florida Cracker drawl.

Bo sits on a log, opens the regulation book, and addresses the arriving teenagers. "I mentioned consequences if you break the rules, mister of facts, I'm gonna introduce you to the penalty howl! For the next three hours, the youthful offenders learn firsthand what happens when they break the rules. Each is given an axe and a long log the diameter of a garbage can. Soon blisters rise and sweat pours. 'Reckon y'all got the idea.' Bo declares.

Axe, woodpile, and boots loom large in the detainees' new lives at Camp Sierra Blanca, but punishment is rare once the "students" settle into the daily routine. "We don't call them inmates or prisoners," says Director Scott Willis. "This is a learning environment so we call them students."

Indeed education is at the top of the list. When the youngsters depart, they will have raised their accredited educational level by three or four grades. Additionally they will have learned a hands-on skill in the vocational shop, and perhaps most importantly, learned to work and get along with other people.

Detainees are graded on their progress twice each day. Each morning, they receive a report card rating the past day in five areas: safety, attitude, respect, leadership, and supervision. Each rating receives a certain amount of points. The detainees purchase necessities with accumulated points. If they really toe the line, they can scrape together enough script to purchase a luxury such as a portable tape player, or nice stationary. The weekly top six detainees earn a camping or fishing trip. The director explains, "The point system accomplishes three goals. First, it teaches the benefit of earning, second, the importance of spending one's earnings wisely, and third to obey the rules."

Scott, Bo and staff know well they aren't shepherds to

angels. "Many of these guys have been in gangs," Scott notes. "Bad gangs! Well, we are a gang too, a good gang! God's gang! We give them the same values as a traditional family, responsibility, discipline, and love."

Love in a correctional facility that is as tightly disciplined as Marine Corps basic training? "Yep, and it shows. Randall Robbins, Counselor, remarked, "A lot these kids came from homes where positive support was never provided. When they work or study hard, and do a good job we let them know with positive reinforcement! This philosophy, so ingrained in the Camp Sierra Blanca staff, works wonders with the students."

JA, a youthful offender from Northern New Mexico was anxious to share his newfound self-esteem. "Before I came to the camp, I had been in jail 27 times for things like drugs and burglary. It started after my father hanged himself. I've learned here that I can't use my bad experiences as an excuse, I have to be responsible for myself."

Scott clarifies, "We aren't psychologists; we don't ask 'why' but students have problems, but rather ask 'how they will change their lives. Our employees, everyone here, even the kitchen staff, are selected on their ability to be role models, display a positive attitude, and on their feeling for the kids, not on college degrees. Our employees are the how!"

Employees are chosen carefully. All are drug tested, psychologically screened for pedophile proclivities and criminal records. When the facility population reaches full capacity with 60 students, 45 locals will be employed. Bo stresses, "We aren't looking for correctional officers, but people who have a real enthusiasm for helping our kids change their lives."

Employees may be chosen for caring tendencies, but security is tight, very tight. Detainees are never out of the counselors' sight during waking hours, and while they sleep behind magnetically locked doors, security officers are physically present. "We are aware of the tragic problems

of essentially the same with prisoners at San Stanton," says Scott, and wish to assure our neighbors they won't have the same problems with us."

Willis managed the Last Chance Ranch, in Florida, before moving to New Mexico. "There, we had hardened young originals with a background of violent crime. Even with that problem, our success rate for youngsters who got out and stayed clean was 75 percent. Here at Camp Sierra Blanca, we believe 95 percent of these nonviolent offenders can be permanently turned around."

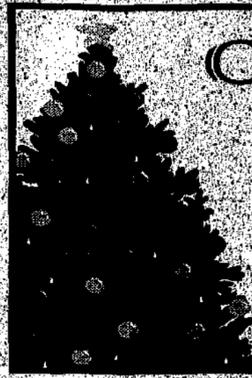
Scott and his hard-working staff are bringing an old farm at the camp back into production. It is fertile soil alongside the Rio Bonito, with full water rights. "We have about 50 to 55 acres we'll be bringing into production. We also plan to get a few cows, horses, pigs, and sheep. There is something about working on a farm, and caring for animals that brings out the best in kids."

A few of the students still goof up and spend time at the wood pile, but even that goes for a good cause. "We

know there are things that can split a crowd," Scott says.



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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Justify budget or what?

By Ruth Hammond

Our Lincoln County Commissioners met in special session Monday morning and accomplished very little. The main reason for the meeting was to approve a resolution for budget transfers but no action was taken because of a 5-0 vote. There were four commissioners on the morning and two voted yes to approve the resolution and two voted no. The two voting no didn't give an explanation for their no votes, even though one of them had requested the special meeting to review the budget adjustment resolution. It makes us wonder if this isn't another example of "pretexting" or campaigning for some as yet unannounced political position. There has to be some reason for this nonsense.

Apparently Wilton Howell wanted detailed documentation on the money spent on moving the old clinic building. We wonder why he didn't ask the county manager to provide the necessary information without calling a special meeting. County manager Frank Potter provides a weekly report to the commissioners and he said he has kept the commissioners informed of the move and the costs. Maybe Mr. Howell didn't read the report. Maybe Mr. Howell didn't understand the information in the report.

We haven't seen the weekly report, which the county manager prepares for the county commissioners, but perhaps it should include all necessary information that Mr. Howell might need such as how many rolls of toilet tissue are put in the restrooms each week. Other information Mr. Howell might like to know would be how much gasoline is used in the lawn mowers during the summer and how many light bulbs are replaced each week in the courthouse. He also might want to be kept informed about the number of times the telephone is answered each day in the various offices. He probably wouldn't ask to have paper clips counted but it could be the reason for another special meeting.

Justifying budget transfers is acceptable except that Mr. Howell apparently had no qualms about the hundreds of thousands of dollars spent at the Sales Barn. Maybe hundreds of thousands of dollars don't bother him but paying to move a building and to demolish a building and dispose of the debris does bother him.

There seems to be a "hidden agenda" involved. There have been too many needless special county commission meetings called by only one county commissioner. Do you suppose that this next year being an election year has anything to do with the needless special meetings being called by only one of our county commissioners? Do you suppose this county commissioner has plans to be a candidate and is using special county commission meetings to make statements that are actually campaign speeches?

We are especially concerned about any disagreement from the county commissioners as to providing funds for storage for the voting machines. These new electronic machines must be stored correctly and maintained properly. Paying for storage for the voting machines should be a priority for the commissioners. Our votes won't count if the machines don't work efficiently.

If there is a legitimate reason for a special meeting then the meeting should be held, but not for campaign speeches. If there is a county situation that needs to be handled before the next regular meeting, then a special meeting is necessary, but the situation should be handled, not voted against merely as a means to call another special meeting for more campaign speeches.

Not much was accomplished at the special meeting Monday but it appears the true reason for the meeting was not disclosed. The special meeting was called to review budget adjustments but the main gist of the meeting was about something entirely different. Come on guys, do your job as county commissioners. If one of you is using special meetings for personal ambitions isn't it time for the entire commission to make some changes?

Let's meet and make speeches.



Inside The Capitol

by Jay Miller

SANTA FE: A headline in Phoenix's largest newspaper proclaims, "Politics in New Mexico even stranger than Arizona."

The subject, of course, was Gov. Gary Johnson being held in contempt of court. Evidently that never happened in Arizona, although I can't imagine anything else that hasn't happened to an Arizona governor. Just in the last decade, we've seen one impeached and another convicted. But I guess they've never had one defy the state Supreme Court.

Evan Mecham, elected governor of Arizona in the late 1980's, defied almost everyone. Although he was a Republican, he defied his party, which didn't like him either. Mecham charged that "a shadow elite of business potentates" controlled Arizona politics, opposed his election and engineered his impeachment. One of the "potentates" who headed the impeachment effort was Fife Symington, the governor convicted of bank fraud recently.

Somehow I just don't

think Gary Johnson's contempt citation beats that for strangeness.

Now if the talk currently circulating about an impeachment effort directed at Johnson were to materialize, New Mexico would become a little more wacky. I don't expect that to happen, but here's what's going on.

In early October, Senate leader Manny Aragon issued a news release charging Johnson with "pressing the limits as his administration progressively scorns the Legisla-

ture, the state Supreme Court, the attorney general and even its own legal counsel." He ended his statement saying, "By scoffing at the courts and defying their orders, Gov. Johnson is walking a very thin line. On the other side of that line is an impeachable offense."

Then on Dec. 10, the day the state Supreme Court declared Johnson in contempt, Rep. Max Coll suggested the impeachment option be studied. House Speaker Raymond Sanchez said he didn't want to go that direction. House Democrat Lucky Varela said he'd rather see the governor acknowledge there are three separate branches of government that have to work together.

So far the closest Johnson has come to acknowledging three separate branches of government was when he refused to appear before the state Supreme Court because it has no power over him. He also contended the special master requested by welfare advocates would unconstitutionally assume legislative and executive powers. Special masters are sometimes appointed by courts to assure their orders are carried out.

If impeachment proceedings were to be commenced, the state constitution provides that the House decide by majority vote whether impeachment is justified. The Senate then decides by two-thirds majority whether the governor is guilty of crimes, misdemeanors or malfeasance in office. Since the Legislature has never been able to do so much as override a veto, it is highly unlikely it would try to impeach a governor.

Our political process seems to be more partisan in New Mexico than in other states or Congress, where veto overrides and even impeachments are much more common. Elsewhere it seems to be more a legislative vs. executive battle, whereas in New Mexico it is more Republicans against Democrats, with lawmakers in the governor's party nearly always lining up behind him.

In my book, Arizona wins the "strange" battle over New Mexico. Ironically, Arizona is one of the few states that does not have a lieutenant governor, but two of the last three administrations have needed one. Both times the secretary of state has been elevated to the top spot. Since Arizona also has the tradition of "girl secretaries," it has had two female governors in the past decade. Rose Mofford who took over for Mecham was mainly a caretaker governor but also healed many wounds. The present governor, Jane Hull, is a former speaker of the Arizona House and appears to be headed for an activist administration.

It would truly get weird if Johnson were impeached and refused to accept it because the Legislature has no power over him.



Interviewing Fred LaMay At Age 96 (Part One)

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

lice killed. There wasn't any lice medicine in those days, so we just used what we had, and it finally worked. When it grew up it had a calf, and after about ten years or so, I got up to six or seven head, from then on, I had calves to sell every year. I got my first brand in 1906. I don't remember how much I sold the first calf for, but I have receipts where I sold calves in 1936 for five cents a pound.

I learned to work hard when I was very young. I helped build our rock house (in Loma Grande) when I was seven years old. My job was to lead the horse and sled up to the

top of the hill behind the house where they quarried the rock so's the men up there could load the sled up with the rock. Then I would lead the horse and sled back down the hill to the house and the workers there would unlead the rock to use on the house. Then, I would head back up the hill for another load. I also helped the carpenters there. We were nailing laths up on the inside of the house, and the carpenter told me not to butt them together, but to leave gaps in between so the plaster wouldn't crack. But I butted them together anyway, and he fired me. That was the end of my

carpentering on that job.

I also drove the horse and wagon to Carrizozo for building materials, like lumber etc. for the house. That was a 23 mile trip one-way. Dad would tell me to take my time, and not to choose the horses, but when I got out on that old dirt road, I whipped those horses into a trot. I thought I could get away with it, but a neighbor saw me and went straight to dad and told him. "That boy, he shore was a 'whipping and 'choosing those horses.'" Course, when I got home, Dad was waiting for me with the a belt. He expected me to be a man, when I was only seven years old.

Another time I was coming home with the wagon loaded and snow was about two feet deep. We had to cross a big canyon with a steep incline, and when we got down in the bottom, the tongue (of the wagon) got stuck in the incline and the horses couldn't budge nothing. I got out and walked around wondering what in the world I was going to do. Then, all of a sudden, those horses got rested, I guess, and they got their wind, and pretty soon, they pulled the wagon out, and took off across the prairie. I ran like all get out to catch 'em and just barely did jump back into the wagon in time.

My dad was hard on me. Once, when he was digging a well, he told me to get the buckets and go to the spring and get some water for the house. But my mother said she didn't need any water, so I didn't go. So, when my dad found out I hadn't gone, he slapped me so hard, I can still see the sparkles, 90 years later. I did



FRED LAMAY

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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TUESDAYS

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23

Lincoln County News publishes early for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Candlelight communion service 4:30 p.m., Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo.

Luminaria display in old Lincoln Town. Episcopal services at San Juan Batista Church 7 p.m., refreshments at Dunlap home afterwards.

"El Noche de Luminarias", luminaria display throughout town of Carrizozo at dusk.

Catholic mass 10 p.m., San Juan Batista Church in Lincoln, Fr. Berg officiating.

DECEMBER 25-26

Carrizozo, Capitan, Ruidoso and Lincoln County offices closed for Christmas holiday.

Marion Spencer Meets President Ford At NMMI

Marion Spencer of Carrizozo delivered a personal note to former President Gerald Ford Dec. 13 while attending the Will Rogers Memorial Awards presentation at New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI) in Roswell.

Marion Spencer and Stirling Spencer were invited to the awards presentation. Steven Spencer, a member of the NMMI Board of Regents, also attended.

The note was from Dorothy Guck, also of Carrizozo and formerly of Nogal and a classmate of President Ford's. Dorothy Guck and President Ford, who is from Grand Rapids, Michigan, have attended class reunions in their home town several times.

Even though President Ford was guarded by Secret Service, Marion Spencer was allowed to deliver the note because her son Steven Spencer is on the NMMI Board of Regents.

The Will Rogers Memorial Award is presented in the memory of NMMI's first honorary alumnus, Will Rogers. Rogers' son attended NMMI. President Ford was honored with the award for continued achievements and service to the United States of America and the character he demonstrated in a turbulent time in our nation's history. His reputation for integrity and openness won the respect of a nation and propelled him into the history books as a man who made a significant and lasting imprint in both international and domestic affairs.

The award was also presented to Bill Daniels, a NMMI alumnus class of 1941, for entrepreneurship, vision and humanitarianism.

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Interviewing Fred Lolley

(Con't. from P. 4)

included with this writing for publication.) He was in the sheriff's office and I wandered out in the back yard and saw some rabbits in cages. I was used to killing wild rabbits with rocks, or I would grab their tails and twist them until I had twisted them out of their hole in a tree. Then we'd skin them properly, build a fire and cook 'em and eat 'em. So I went to work on those rabbits. My dad and the Sheriff came out and told me to quit. Later, when the sheriff was showing dad the cell where Billy the Kid had been kept, I walked into it, and I said "What's this place for?" and the Sheriff clanged the big door shut, locked me in, and said "This is where we keep little boys that try to kill our rabbits." I also got my first haircut that day. The old rusty scissors pulled and hurt, but the barber said, "I'm not a 'hurlin' you a damned hit, so be still." My dad didn't help me. Everybody else thought my dad was an awful fine man.

Later, he (worked) in the San Andreas on the mining claims over there. He did "assessment work." That's where a mine owner had to prove he had done a certain amount of work on the mine during that year, so the owners would hire some work done and use the receipt to prove their "assessment." They (the mine owners) usually had to show they had dug 10 or 12 feet deeper each year and maintained the mine, too. (In order to keep the claim.) Other local mines were the White Oaks, the American and Helen Ray near Nogal; Parsons near Bonito by Nogal Peak, the Mayberry, and the Adams Mine at Lomo Grande - known as one of the deepest, driest holes in the area - where my father worked for some time. Gold mines wouldn't work now because of the high costs of labor and other expenses. I do remember the uranium boom in the 40s when uranium and thorium was mined around White Oaks. At that time, nearby water wells were contaminated and couldn't be pumped for 13 years because of the cyanide in them.

I never got past the fourth grade in school. During the last year, I'd have to get out early in the morning, about, and round up the horses for Dad before I left for school. I had to search about a thousand acres, and by the time I found them, the other kids would have gone on walking, and Dad would say, "Well, by God, you just fooled around out there and you didn't try to get here on time - you thought you wouldn't have to go to school," and lots of times, I didn't have to, either. (Fred really chuckled about this.) There was always lots of work to do, and so I just worked.

I only had two teachers that I remember as being good. There was Mrs. Farrell I remember best. She chose me to go into Nogal and get the newspaper for her each week so she could keep tabs on Poncho Villa who was burning schools over in the Columbus area. I always went to school barefooted, and my old feet were as tough as they could be, and I was good in the foot races, so she sent me. She never did have to punish me for nothing. Another teacher, Mr. Funk, taught me how to carpenter.

In those days, nobody could pay their taxes, and there wasn't any money to pay schoolteachers. My dad, and two other ranchers (each) paid \$10 for the teacher to come and teach the three months we had school. The teacher also boarded with us. Finally, I got to go to school in Nogal and in that school



HO HO HO! Santa is mobbed by excited children at the Carrizozo Schools Christmas Music Program. Santa made his surprise appearance at the end of the program which featured elementary classes singing and Carrizozo High School band and choir also performing traditional Holiday favorites.



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there were nine or 10 big old boys, men really, who had mustaches, probably weighed 175 or 180 pounds. They would come to school with their primers in their hands, run the teacher off, and then take their primers and go home. Finally, we got a teacher that had been a prize fighter. He stayed awhile.

(As a teen) I worked for an old Indian who traded cows and worked sheep. He was some kind of an Indian. He'd say, "By nabs, you're old enough to do a good job, now by God, get at it." He thought he was so smart, but when he got him a sheep shearing machine, he cut himself on the leg with those shears. It liked to never healed up.

At one time, I hired out as a cowboy, for a little while. I used to go on roundups, sit around the campfires, and those other cowboys would smoke cigarettes, my God, how they smoked those cigarettes, and they drank coffee. We all ate out of those Dutch ovens, some of the best biscuits ever made came from those. I probably got \$30 a month, less as I was the foreman, and the others got about \$20. If you had a family, they had to live alone while you were gone.

I didn't marry until much later, when I was 50 years old. I stayed there and helped my dad and Momma. It was just work, work, work, and do without money. I worked all the time, and I was give out every night. I just wanted to see that bed except on dance nights, then I would quit a little early for that. But I couldn't go and get another job because nobody had jobs for you then. I guess ranching is all I knew.

When the banks broke (in the '20's) there was no way to get money. Sometimes there were 23 relatives, brothers and sisters-in-laws, and sisters-in-law brothers-in-laws at the table. My mother worked awful hard to take care of them and cook for all of them. We lived on potatoes, roasting ears, chickens, hogs and cattle, and of course, our beans, and we got by better than most. For years, we mortgaged our bean crop to help us through the depression times. It seemed like though that the banks took so much "extra" money for the "charges" and we always came out on the short end.

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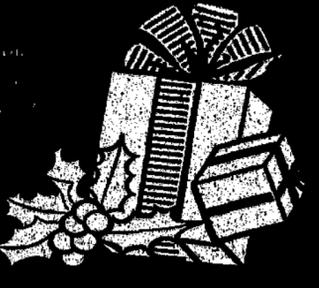
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Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Closs? May I have a gigapet and a dog?
 Love Elizabeth Bingerman

Dear Santa, I like you, I want mooves and a deal truck and close.
 Love Patricia Jimin

Dear Santa, I want a goga pet and a play makeup and a moovy antustala.
 Love Kathleen Schlarb

Dear Santa, How are your rand iras do ing? I want a ship, I want a sockball.
 Love Clinton Cogdill

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Closs? I want a cumpyr and a babe dipr doll.
 Love Christanda Zamora

Dear Santa, I want a bike, I want a nootendoe 64, I want a gokortie, I want a Antostasio.
 Love Alyshia Cully

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How War your elves do ing? I want a computer, I want a packofarmys, I want a tv.
 Love Jacob Hamby

Dear Santa, I wood likea Nintendo 64, and two pax of hotwheels, And a grizzlice Jr Sec.
 Love Jeremy Zamora

Dear Santa, How ar yor randirs dooing and yor elves? How ar they wrking? I wot a cowboy helmet.
 Love Rory Zamora

Dear Santa, I wood likea Nintendo 64, anda Grizzle JrSe.
 Love Marcelino VERdugo

Dear Santa, How are you doing? PleeS may I have a gigaPet and a gogapet.
 Love, Zeké Vega

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa? How are the elvss? I wod like some movess, Iwod like gigapet.
 Love Zannic TeSterman

Dear Santa, How are you doing? How is Mrs. Santa? PleeS may I have a panting face Cahjych Kid and a Spris
 love Bailey Shivers

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want a feengernale gliitratrader, How is Mrs. Closs?
 Love Jennifer Shafer

Dear Santa, How are you doing Santa and how are your rand deer? I wood Like poweer ranjs.
 Love Antonio Luis sambano

Dear Santa, How are Your randrs? I wot a picrh pleeS and a Barbie,
 Amber vigil

Dear Santa, How are you doing? I want some mitins.
 LUVe Sonny Vega

Dear Santa, I want a computer and a puppy dog.
 Love, Sheena Stogden

Dear Santa, Can I pless have a video Game it's cold Game com th ance e you And a enentendo 64, Game And a code book for nentedo 64,
 love Andres (Garcia)

December 5, 1997 Dear Santa, I want sum cat things for Christmas even now I have a lot of cats I rily like cats I Love cats cats are good pets I Wear cats on my shirts so What I tell you I like Cats I play With cats I do cat things I have cat toys and remember cats.
 Love Korin (Sierra) Bowen

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 Devon Austin Arteche

Dear Santa, Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas! Here is my wish-list Santa: um...A big reindeer and ...Candy!! Um...A Choo-Choo train and...Candy!!! um...A 4-Wheeler like my Pappa Najar's, um...A shark, (just a little one). A 300 mag. For my daddy. Oh...and a baby sister & more Candy!!! That's all Santa.
 Love Nicholas Jacob Chavez

Dear Santa, December 3, 1997 I Want a Sky Dancer and my SIZe Barbie and rePuSul Doll and a Cat and a PuPy and a Baby Bruthr and Little MERMAID ChmPrlePr Cat Bak Pak. P.S I Ben good
 Love Sam (Comstock)

December 3, 1997 Dear Santa, Please cann I have a shart that has you on a buching horse. And may I please have a pistil and can I. Have a roping knife and a air cumpres. And a new bike tire and may I Have a skate bord and thanK you for The presents that you gave me last yr I love you. P.S. I won't forgit the milk and cookees
 love Kendall (Wilson)

December 3, 1997 Dear Santa, I want a mockchole Truck and my four front teth P.S. I want fur get the cocesse
 Love Jude (Renny)

Dear Santa, my name is Sarah White, I am a fithr grader at Carrizozo Elementary School, What I what for X-Mas Gameboy, Nikes, (Shoes) nike Jacket Clueless phone, clothes CD (Hansan aqua), Beantag, and Coke-a-cola Bear Diary. Well I guess that's all!!!
 Yours turly, Sarah White

Dear Santa, I Have been a good girl, Tell Mrs. Santa to come over to our house to visit. Please bring me a barbie with a dog and a Barbie House, and I also want a baby with a stroller. My brother has been a good boy. He wants a truck and horses with cows. My sister Sarah has bee a good Big sister. Thank you, I Love You.
 Catalena Josphine Vega

Dear Santa, My name is Isaac Vega, I want a big truck with a toddy bear, My sister Catalena, Sarah are good girls too.
 Love You, Isaac Vega

Dear Santa, Santa how are you this Christmas Santa I want A helmet and A plante and A fut Boll Sh rt Spur (Lovelace)

December 3, 1997 Dear Santa, I want a scabrod and a new nintendo game and It is cold Moreyo world and I have been good and best I hope you got last yers papers.
 Love Greg. (Vigil)

December 3, 1997 Dear Santa, I want a talking Bubba, Have I been good? Thank you Santa Four last year present.
 Love Autumn (Kratovich)

December 3, 1997 Dear Santa, Please can I have a better play house with steers, I've been good enuff to get presents, I also want a blue and purple watch, And a new bike with a bascit and tow weels, Thank you for the gift you gave me last year.
 Love Erin (Hightower)

December 3, 1997 Dear Santa, please can you git me a Sone Becus I Be lev in Santa, I do no Becus I no you ar rill Becus you giv me a Bike last yr.
 Love Kyle (LaBelle)

Dear Santa December 3, 1997 I wish for a barbie please I wish for Nou shoes I wish for a winter avee and a cenderella night gowne.
 Love Jessy (Haskin)

December Dear Santa, I want a tiorsee car, and my fo-front teeth, and a new nentendo 64, and a games, and a culereeng book and a tocking Bubbu and a watch and and I Love you and I been good.
 Love, Casey (Bartels)

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 Love, James (Benson)
 P.S. I wot for get the milk n cookes

December 4, 1997, Dear Santa, please, can I have a pet rabbit I have been good all year I haveint ploold my card all year I hope you bring my prezint for me I Love Christmas becames we seldrat Gods birthday it is not just for prezints it is for God thanks for the prezint you gave me last year how is roodoff doing at the nothpoll is he going to gard your slay to night my fraveret moth of the year.
 Love Janet Lovelace

Dear Santa, Please For a White watch, I have bin good.
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Letters to Santa

December Dear Santa, I'd like a skate board please. I've been good.
Love Jordan (McKisley)

Dear Santa please get me a rebound masek. Iremoth trol remotintrol six Wheels remotintrol green truck have I ben good Santa I want Hot Wheels I want a string masek and all the other stuff you want to give me
ps love T.J. (Finess)

Dear Santa, I want Ghostbuster Plasma Blaster and backpack and a Go cart Jr racing set. Mega-rig ct and Jr foot ball goal remot car, and star wars nintendo game. Thank you
Curtis Samora

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus? I want a new teddy bear I want a new Barbie doll and I want a puppy. My brother will want a tow truck and a teddy bear too. My mom will want a new stereo and a shelf. I hope you will have a Merry, Merry Christmas.
Love, Valerie Williams.

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Dear Santa, I want a molncol traktor And a gun And a latof sno. And a gud Christmas. I have Bln gud And Sad of Bad.
Love Matt (Mathew Samora)

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl. Please bring me a tickle me. Elmo and a Sleep N' Snore Ernde.
Love Jade Justice Barela

Dear Santa, I wot a helicopt model ant I wot errdun and I wot it to be strong to move
Love Tyler

Dear Santa, I did my list so I get all of my presents. Candy and my favrit Snakes, Rollarblades, Tea set, Barbie doll and clothes, Notebook paper, crayon's and coloring book's, Baby doll and clothe's, Board game's Payday, Monopoly, checker's, Candy land, Jamuni, Lost world, Uno blks, Baby ströler, Baby crib, Baby set, Magic card's, the new Spice girls C.D., Batteries double AA's durrecl, Ear Phones, T.V & VCR, Sakki talkie, free Bingo pass i.c.c 25.00, Lisa Frank stuff, make up box's and nail polish.
Catherin Thomas

Dear Santa, I would like a beauty shop/Lava Lamp, Playdough, camera, a new bed Twister bedspread.
Love, Tessa

Dear Santa, I want pier of shop if you can make me ave and I want a hotcowata. box hat. I want a baseball and I want a basketyt. I want a pet wolf and I w the to beator
Love Travis Poiwof

To Santa, This is what I want for Christmas 4-10 shot gun, Go cart, 4-wheeler, Airvector's, Jurassic Park Dino- blaster, Sega Games, Nentindo 64, Nentindo 64 games, Cruisin USA, Mario Cart, Wave Racers, Arrows
From KC Hendricks

Dear Santa, I wod Like a dentest Brby, gigupet Beay Babbya, cali wod Like a dentest Brby, my Brothr Wod like a boat
Love Morgan

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas! My name is McKenzie I would like Pretty Crazy Curis and Star Castle for Christmas if you can bring it to me. This is your present from me. (photo of McKenzie was taped to letter). I hope you like it.
Thank you for all of my presents you've brought me.
I Love You, McKenzie
Please Bring Felicia something.

Dear Santa, I wod Like a Beany BaBaby, and, dentest Brby, my Sistr will like a gigupet
Love: Shelby

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Dear Santa, My name is Dayneon Lee Walls and I am four years old. My sister Lexie is one year old.

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I need a real car but mommy says I'm too little, and a nite-light cause mine is broke. Everyone wants a kity but mommy is "lergic" to them. I like books so you can bring me some! Pretty please? I have tried to be good but sometimes I nessed up. Mommy is helping me write this cause I don't write yet. Thank You! Merry Christmas! I love you Santa!
Dayneon Lee Walls
(oh year and my sister too!)

Dear Santa I want a gupety and For my sister she wod like to go liv with my daddy and my mom wod lik a god crismis
Love Cali

Dear Santa, I Wont a BrBy with Bike to
Love Joylyn

Dear Santa, I want my two Frunt teeth and like my Bruthr said can I hav a basketball cort and can my Bruthr hov a toy Zoo.
Love Chase

Dear Santa Power ranger nijn, wotup
Love Branden

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From: Cody

Dear Santa, I hope Mrs. Claus is doing well. I hope you are doing well too. I hope you make it this year. I want a baby cat, a teddy bear, and a toybox. My brother wants a Nintendo 64. Have a safe trip.
Love Brittany Caughron

Dear Santa, How are the elves? How is Rudolph too? I want a robot frog, a robot snake, and even a robot lizard. My brother wants a bike. Have a happy Christmas.
Love Mike Willson

Dear Santa, How are the reindeer Rudolph and Mrs. Claus? What should I give you coke, milk, cookeis or milk and cookeis? What my sister wants is a Brocoe jacket. My mom wants a Denver Broncos jacket. I want a Broncos jacket with the new logo. I am going to see the Broncos.
Love Aaron.

Dear Santa, How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are your elves? I want three things for Christmas. They are my Size dancing Barbie and a desk with a chair in my room. Please bring Kylee a Barbie. I've been a good girl, so has Kylee.
Love Lindsay Osborn

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Love Kanisha

Dear Santa rinchiro flan
Love Evan

Dear Santa, I want a gigapet
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hur a basketball becus shoe
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mere crisms
Love Julia

Dear Santa, How are you? I
have been very good. Could I
please have: Space Legos, K
rex and Nintendo 64, and
please give my Dad the gun
that he wants.
Love, Jakob Hochendoner



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cat and dag
Love Britini

Dear Santa, Will you di me
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Love, Cristian

Dear Santa, I want a gigapet
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Love MaKayla

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Dear Santa, ese Bake
Blacinke
love, Jade Nelson

Dear Santa, My Dad wosa
hass Bote. I wot pet pups dog
My bruthr was a toylet. I wot
a pet wolf. I wot a remgt con
trol car.
Love, Kyle Brunson

Dear Santa, I hope you are
happy to hear that my birth
day is coming up. I hope you
have a good Christmas this
year. I want a BB gun. I want
a Dallas Cowboys helmet too.
My sister wants a new Barbie
set. I will leave coke-cola.
Love Brett McInnes.

Dear Santa, I hope the rein
deer are good. How is
Rudolph? Is his nose really
red? How is Mrs. Santa and
how are you? Can you bring
me a big trampoline? Please
bring a dress size 7 or 8.
Please bring stripped leg
gings. My mom and dad want
a set of dishes.
Love Aleah Topper.

Dear Santa, How are you and
Mrs. Claus? I would like a
computer. I would like a
scrunchy kit and a note mak
er kit please. Please bring my
brother a video game. Have a
safe Christmas.
Love, Danielle Mills

Dear Santa, How are you and
the elves? I hope you make it
this year. I want packs of
baseball cards and some
books. I also want clothes.
Please bring my brother
clothes. Please bring my sister
clothes.
Love, William Kern.

Dear Santa, Remember me, I
always leave you a letter! I
will leave Coke-cola or milk
and cookies this Christmas!
Can I have a toy zoo and
some pet prianhas? Can I
have the lost World race
track? Can You get my brother
a basketball court?
Love, Chad F. Williams.

Dear Santa, How are the
reindeer? Is Rudolph's nose
still red? My littlest sister
would like some new shoes. I
would like a live kitten that is
tame. I want a big stuffed
horses and a remote control
dinosaur. Amanda wants a
metal molder. I will leave you
some milk and cookies.
Love, Amara Willingham

Dear Santa, How are you? Is
your reindeers ok? I hope your
trip will be ok. I want a bike.
I want a truck and a nija.
Please bring my baby sister a
big doll. Please bring my
brother a bike.
Love, Christopher Alavarado

Dear Santa, How is Mrs.
Claus doing? I am doing fine.
I want a 5 speed bike, a Cool
Tools, and the Fraidy cats. My
Sister wants a 15 speed bike.
Love, Cody Patterson

Dear Santa, How are you doing
Santa. I have been
good. My Dad wants a truck. I
wish I could have a Barbie.
Love, Casey Van Tussenbroek

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf? I
hope he is ok. I got new glass
I want a trampoline, and VW
keychain and a horse. My
brother wants a truck.
Love, Jessica Ward

Dear Santa, How is Rudolf
doing? I have been good this
year. I want two gold coins
and a movie. My sister wants
a Barbie car.
Love, Arron Grier

Dear Santa, How is comet and
the oth reindeer? I want a big
long cran, and a video game
and a karate suit with a green
belt. Please bring Tammy a
big Rapunzel Barbie. Please
bing Jeans a doll. I will leave
you milk and cookies.
Love, Jack Hudgins

Dear Santa, Santa, how are
your reindeer? I want a doll
for Christmas. Santa, I want
a talking Buba for Christmas.
Santa, I want some cloth for
Christmas. Santa, my sister
wants a rubber duck.
Love Jessica Shaver.

Dear Santa, How is Mrs.
Santa Claus? May I have a
Semi-truck. May I have a
pick-up truck. May I have a
football suit? May my brother
have a basketball. I will leave
a plate of cookies.
Love, Reegan Phillips

Dear Santa, How is Miss
Class! I want roller blades. I
want a remote control car. I
want a black bike. My sister a
baby and a Barby. My brother
a whip and a horse.
Love J.D. Herd

Dear Santa, How are you
SANTA! I am being good. I
want Doom1, Doom2 and
Doom3. I want a Dodge Ram
for my dad and some shirts
for my mom.
Love, Camron Sheehy

Dear Santa, How are the
reindeer doing? I am doing
good at school. I want a bike
please and a CD player and a
book. My Dad wants a hat.
Love, Ricardo Ceballos.

Dear Santa, How is Mrs.
Claus, Rudolf, elves and the
reindeer doing? I am doing
fine. I please want a kitten. I
please want a yo-yo. My mom
wants a skirt.
Love, Margan Gibbs

Dear Santa, How are you
doing? I am doing fine. I
please want a dirt bike, a Lost
World toy, and a Star Trek
toy. Please Santa. My mom
wants a dog. My dad wants a
recorder. My dog wants a
Male boxer.
Luve, Derek Welborn.

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Letters to Santa...



Dear Santa, How are the elves doing? I have been good. I want a computer and a dirt bike. My sister wants a doll.
 Love, Paul Bailey

Dear Santa, I was wondering how the reindeer are doing. I am in second grade. I wish for My Size Rapunzel Princess Barbie, Angel Princess Barbie, and the movie George of the jungle. I want something for Brittany and I want something for Jeffery. I want to give Brittany a new doll. I want to give Jeffery a new kitten.
 Love Morgan McMakin.

Dear Santa, I was wondering how the reindeers are doing. I am in second grade. I wish for a moare horse and I wish for my turtle back. I wish for a toy for Moran. M. and I am going to get Moran. M. a presents and they will be an play horse and a play cat that plays.
 Love Brittany

Dear Santa, How have you and Mrs. Clause been? How are the elves? I have a dog that is like a guard dog. Look for an ornament that is an elf in a car, that one is mine for this year. I would like a Spider Man Wed Blaster and a talking whit kid and Hydrstorm Robin. Please bring a giant bag of chew toys for my dogs.
 Dear Santa, I was wondering how you were doing? I want to Vail for Thanksgiving. I'm not going to be selfish so I'm only going to ask for three things. One is a talking globe and a watch. There's one more thing and it is a filly.
 Love Jayna

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Dear Santa, How are yer doing? I am doing fine. How is Mrs. Claus? Santa will you please give me a kitten for Christmas. Thank you very much for my kitten Santa Claus.
 Love, Victoria Hernandez (love)

Dear Santa, How are your reindeer doing? I am doing fine. I want a GigaPet a Barbie van, and a Nintendo 64. My Brother wants a gocart.
 Love, Crystal Beck

Dear Santa How are you doing? I like to ride steers. I want a Cowboy shirt. I want you to get Brian a Cowboys shirt tat has E. Smith.
 Love Zach.

Dear Santa, How are you? How is Mrs. Clause, and the reindeer, and elves? If you are wondering I am fine. I have 6 horses and 3 dogs and by the way beware of dog. I want a basketball, the game Life, and 6 play horses. I want Jayna to have 2 play horses.
 Love Callie Kathryn Black

Dear Santa, I was wondering how you were doing? I want to Vail for Thanksgiving. I'm not going to be selfish so I'm only going to ask for three things. One is a talking globe and a watch. There's one more thing and it is a filly.
 Love Jayna

It's Christmastime
 In this blessed season, may you and those you love be filled with the wonder of his birth.
 and be blessed with the love of his birth.
 and be blessed with the love of his birth.

Dear Santa, How is Mrs. Claus I am fine. I want a motorcycle. My Mom wants a vacuum.
 Love, Eddie Weir

Dear Santa, What did you do this summer? I have 2 dogs and 4 cats. Will you bring me 3 dolls, 5 kittens, and 8 puppies. Will you bring Jayna, Callie, Britany, Lindsay, and Ashley presents. Please will you bring Jayna 1 computer, 3 sweaters and 9 necklaces. For Callie will you bring 10 shirts, 3 kittens, and 1 tiger helmet. Please will you bring Bilttany 9 kintten's 5 puppies, and 10 neckLaces. Plase will you bring Lindsay 3 neckLaces, 9 pair of earrings, and 10 dolls. Please will you bring 9 dolls, 10 kittens, and 3 dog's.
 Love, Jessica M.H.

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 Love, Courtney LaMay

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Dear Santa, I wante how is you were doing and Mrs. clause is doing? I am in second grade. and I like second grade. I want a monster truck with batteries in it and a train set and a new watch. My dog needs a new dog pan because his dog pan has holes in it.
 love Keith

Dear Santa, I was wonderin how your reindeer were doing. I was wondering how your elves friends are doing on the toys. I had a good Thanksgivng Haw about you Santa? Did you have a good Thanksgivng Santa? Santa I want a dirt bike and a bunch of cars and a bike I want sunting for DeeJay and it is going to be a new bike for DeeJay.
 Love Ethan.

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 love Robert.

Dear Santa I want a go cart for christmas and I want a bebe gun for Christmas to and I want a herf gun.
 Love Ethan.

Dear Santa, I wonder how you are doing? How are the reindeer? I have a lot of animals. I want a chapterbook. And my sister want a new doll.
 Love Jamie Andra Keaton

Dear Santa, I wonder how Mrs. Clause is doing. My brother was hurt. I want a Christmas Tree.
 Love DeeJay

Dear Santa, I hope you are well. I have a kitten. It is white and cute. Look for my kitten under the tree. I want the Jurassic Park bull T-rex. Give my brother a drum set.
 Love Cory!

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Love, Anissa Dominique Aguilar

Dear Santa, My name is Matthew. I have been a good boy. I like lots of toys and videos also. I want a football and a big Jeep and some games to go with my football. See you for Christmas.
Love, Matthew Jon Aguilar

Dear Santa, How are your elves doing? I'm wondering if you like Green Bay Packers? I want a Green Bay suit, helmet, and a Green Bay blanket. And a paper that says 77 to D. Packers win! Give Keith and Zach a Dallas jersey except give Keith a Green Bay jersey. To Santa,
Love Brian

Sam Dearsan
Ryan Dearsan, NKDVKOV, SoD, KPDO, STIRgm, BIKLto, UUFos bot 4, BIKRUS

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Kenneth Vega, Dear I Santa, good boy t PutR, want, granpollbe, Jesp

Erika, Dear, A, Bbhas BED

Carlos, Mr Sant, SUDE, dU

KinCy, Dear Santa, dog

Arnon, Dear Santa, SUP, PJ

Jose Ph, Dear Santa, SUPR nihtundoN

Matthew R. V, Dear Santa, good yod trampoline, Big TRUK

Ashley H., BC.S, my SISER

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The "Angels"...

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Leota Pfingsten; The Ranching Schoolmarm

by J. Zane Walley

When first meeting Leota Bradford Pfingsten, one would never suppose this educated, eloquent and impeccable lady has a pioneer ranching history stretching back over 70 years. Yet, Leota has worked stock in blistering heat of the sun blasted San Andres Mountains, and deep winter snows on the White Mountains.

Leota's parents, Maggie Lou and Frederick Bradford, began ranching Angora goats around Salinas Peak in 1915 in the San Andres Mountains of New Mexico, 25 miles south of what is now known as The Trinity Site. (Their old ranch is now in The White Sands Missile Range.)

Maggie and the children lived in Alamogordo, working at the Sweetwater Ranch headquarters on school vacations and holidays. Leota vividly remembers those days: "We rode burros, and had a mammoth jack, Old Johnny. He was like a family member. I was almost raised by him! I remember a time, we were riding across a stretch of pan rock on Salinas Mountain, when he froze, stopped dead in his tracks. I yelled and kicked, but he wouldn't move a inch. Then I noticed a rattlesnake slithering between his legs. He wouldn't budge until it was long gone."

"We ran over 3,000 head of goats, kept them in flocks of about 500 and employed herders, one for each group. Our herders lived so isolated, we'd have to pack supplies to them by burro. It was a hard life for them, especially the weather. During one drought, a bracero was cutting hearts out of Sotol (a Yucca-like plant) for the goats to eat. Lightning struck him, blowing his shoes to pieces, and burning his hip where the canteen was hanging. Remarkably he lived, and fully recovered."

Desert storms were sudden devastation. Steep, arid canyons became raging torrents in minutes, drowning livestock caught in flash floods. "During one blow, we lost 600 head," Leota recalls, "but most of the time it was bone dry." Riding those tortured, parched canyons, Leota pined for Alamogordo's dirt streets and relatively lavish living. "At times we get so hot, tired, and thirsty, I would have swapped the whole shebang for one cold Coca-Cola. Didn't think I was cut out to be a rancher!"

Water was scarce in the mountains of the Chihuahuas Desert; so rare, Spanish Explorers had named the valley west of the ranch, *Jornada del Muerto*, Journey of Death. Leota recalls how every drop of water was prized. "We piped water from springs high on Salinas Peak, to a big stock tank at Sweetwater. Once, momma's car rolled down the hill, knocked a hole in the side, and started a leak; we tried everything to stop the trickle, and finally plugged it with goat manure. My daddy just couldn't stand to see that water get away."

The ranch lass from Alamogordo, attended college at Los Cruces in the 1930's. True to her rural roots, she dated and married fellow student, and cowboy-rancher Fred Pfingsten from Capitan. Leota says, "After the wedding, we lived on a ranch in the Rio Bonito Valley, ran cattle in the high country of the Sacramento Mountains for the summer, and wintered them on lowland grassy bottoms leased from the railroad."

Mrs. Pfingsten began her teaching career while on the Rio Bonito ranch. "In 1940, my husband and I had been to a Saturday roping in Alamogordo. When we came home I found a note on the gate-asking me to teach at Hondo School starting on



LEOTA AND FRED PFINGSTEN.

Monday. I owned only one dress, my wedding dress, so I washed and ironed it to teach in, until I could make it to town and buy more clothes."

Leota taught at Hondo for two years, until the railroad planted their grazing lease in trees. "We could no longer graze livestock on the Rio Bonito, had to move to Nogal Mesa in the mountains, so we could care for the cattle."

Winters were long and severe in the mountains. It usually snowed from September until Easter; the snow was so high, it often covered the fence posts." Leota recalls with a shiver. "We'd get snowed in for long stretches, couldn't travel for the deep snow. We ate beef, a lot of it, to keep us warm through those winters. As a matter of fact, we still do."

Leota often traveled from the mountains to Capitan, New Mexico, teaching piano at the school. She remembers 1953. "The bottom fell out of the cattle market. I couldn't lift feed sacks, so I was the one to go work outside." She became a teacher at Capitan School, opening a 24 year, award spangled career as a schoolmarm, all while, she and her husband continued to ranch.

Leota retired from teaching in 1978. She and Fred are still ranching cattle on ten sections of rough country in the watersheds of the White and Capitan Mountains. During long winter nights, Leota regularly plies chisel and knife, carving her western legacy into native woods.

Taking a coffee break from the carving bench, Leota smiles with clear blue eyes when thinking of her past. "Of all I've done, I loved teaching the most. I taught second grade, and loved to see children blossoming, awakening, day by day. I used music to reach them; if they didn't like math or spelling, I'd put it to music. Never did meet a child I couldn't reach with music. Today, one of my greatest pleasures is hearing from my past students." She pauses and gazes upward. "I have absolutely enjoyed my life, as diverse as it has been. I've been a happy person everywhere I've lived, and in all that I have done."



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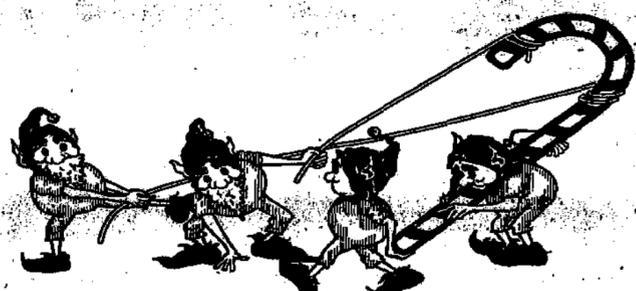
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NEWS

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

November 24:
 12:03 p.m. a caller reported an accident with injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road. Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance and Ruidoso Police and state police also responded. Ruidoso police requested Ruidoso fire department. RALS transported the injured to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.
 3:02 p.m. Carrizozo Health Clinic requested an ambulance to transport a patient to St. Joseph's Hospital in Albuquerque. Carrizozo ambulance responded.
 4:45 p.m. Carrizozo police advised he had taken a subject to

Carrizozo Health Clinic but no medical personnel were there. He paged the second Carrizozo ambulance crew, but no ambulance was in town. An EMT went to the residence to do a splint and check the patient out. A grandparent drove the patient to LCMC in a private vehicle.
 5:25 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check on her sister because her nephew called and said his mom and dad were in the bedroom having a big fight. A deputy responded and advised all was okay for now, neither party wanted to press charges.
 7:12 p.m. a caller advised of an unattended death of his 96 year old grandmother. A deputy and an Officer of the Medical Investigator (OMI) responded and requested a funeral home.
 9:15 p.m. a caller reported that kids in a pick-up were at the register in a business and they had a key to get in after hours. Captain police advised that all was okay, it was the owner's daughter.
 9:24 p.m. a caller reported a broken-down vehicle near Picacho on Highway 70. A wrecker was notified.

November 25:
 7:14 a.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle at her neighbor's house which she was watching while the neighbor was out of town. Only one person was to be there, the person who fed the dogs, and the owner's son was not supposed to be there. A deputy responded.
 8:40 a.m. a caller in Brady Canyon reported someone cut 10 or 12 big trees on his property. Two deputies were assigned.
 12:17 p.m. a caller reported a suspicious vehicle/person, a man in a white pick-up was parked in her driveway in Alto. A deputy responded.
 12:25 p.m. a caller reported smoke behind Ruidoso High School. Ruidoso police were notified.
 1:25 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of a male subject who was threatening to commit suicide at a location off Gavilan Canyon. A deputy responded.
 4:42 p.m. a caller reported he was riding his bicycle on Gavilan Canyon Road when a white pickup passed him and hit him with the mirror. State police were notified.
 5:06 p.m. a caller reported cruelty to animals at a location off Highway 48. A male subject had tied a donkey to a tree and the donkey was wrapped around the tree and was trying to get loose and was bleeding from the mouth. The animal control officer responded.
 5:43 p.m. a motorist flagged down a deputy and reported a one vehicle accident involving a possible drunken driver on Highway 48. RALS, Bonito Fire Department, the deputy and state police responded.
 5:51 p.m. a caller reported a two vehicle accident without injuries at the intersection of Highways 37 and 48 in Angus. A deputy responded.
 5:55 p.m. DeBaca County Sheriff's Office reported an accident without injuries involving a deer on state road 546 about eight miles south of Corona. A deputy responded.
 9:23 p.m. a caller reported an accident with injuries at the corner of Carrizo Road and Grindstone. Ruidoso Police were notified and requested to page RALS, state police were notified and a deputy responded until state police arrived. At 9:38 p.m. the deputy advised that Ruidoso police responded because it was in their jurisdiction.
 9:31 p.m. a caller advised she had talked to her son who was in the jailhouse. He told her that another subject in the jail was starting a racial war and they need to get that subject out. Dispatch notified detention of what the caller said.
 10:23 p.m. a caller reported he had hit a deer on Highway 48 in Alto and the animal had a broken leg and he needed an officer. A deputy responded.
 10:55 p.m. a caller requested an officer for a possible domestic where a male subject had hit her two nights before, and now he wanted her to touch him and she was worried he would hit her again. Three deputies responded.
 November 26:
 5:03 a.m. a caller reported someone with a flashlight walking around next door at a location in Ruidoso Downs. Ruidoso Downs police were notified.
 12:40 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of his 81 year old father who was having respiratory problems. A deputy responded.
 12:59 p.m. RALS requested assistance with an elderly female who was combative. A deputy responded and RALS transported

the patient to LCMC.
 2:19 p.m. Ruidoso police advised of receiving a report of a show being started to death at a location in Carrizo Canyon. A deputy responded.
 3:49 p.m. a caller requested to speak with a deputy about problems with a neighbor. A deputy responded.
 5:07 p.m. a caller reported he hit a deer on Highway 380 near the fire station in Lincoln. State police were notified.
 8:23 p.m. a caller reported hitting a deer on Highway 54 about three miles south of Corona. The caller didn't want a report, but was concerned whether the deer was in the roadway. A deputy responded.
 9:22 p.m. Carrizozo police brought in a juvenile whom they had arrested. The boy was referred to the Juvenile Probation Office in Alamogordo, then released to his mother.
 10:51 p.m. a caller reported a loose horse on Gavilan Canyon road near some riding stables. A deputy responded.

November 27:
 12:54 a.m. a caller reported a theft. The assigned deputy advised he was at a residence concerning the dispute over a CD player. The deputy advised Carrizozo police that a subject was to bring the CD player to the sheriff's office and he requested the officer stand by while the CD was returned to the owners. Carrizozo police responded.
 6:54 a.m. a caller reported a breaking and entering/vandalism at a location in Enchanted Forest. The caller advised it looked like someone was living in the house, trees were cut down and the house was a mess. They did not know who was or is on the property. A deputy responded.
 9:10 a.m. Carrizozo recreation center requested an officer about damage to property. Carrizozo police responded.
 9:11 a.m. a caller requested a

deputy to keep the peace at a vehicle repossession at a location in Carrizozo, in case of trouble. A deputy responded.
 9:45 a.m. a caller requested an officer for a domestic situation where no weapons were involved at a location in the Capitan area. A deputy and state police responded.
 1:12 p.m. State police received information of an accident that had injuries at mile marker 6 on the ski run road. RALS and Bonito Fire Department responded. RALS transported the injured to LCMC.
 12:24 p.m. Ruidoso Police advised the ski area had requested state highway department come with a blade on the ski run road, because the snow was beginning to stick bad. State highway department was notified.
 3:59 p.m. a cell phone caller reported an accident without injuries on the ski run road. State police were notified.
 4:50 p.m. a caller requested an officer to accompany him to a location in Carrizozo to pick up personal items. Carrizozo police responded.
 5:38 p.m. a caller reported a stolen VCR, the door was left open at the location. Carrizozo police responded.
 5:51 p.m. a caller requested an officer at a dispute at an apartment complex. Capitan police responded.
 7:37 p.m. a business reported a gas skip of \$11 by a vehicle southbound out of town. Carrizozo police responded.
 10:09 p.m. a caller requested animal control, dogs were fighting with her dogs. Carrizozo police responded.
 10:30 p.m. a caller reported a broken down motorist on Highway 380 west of Carrizozo. State police were notified.
 10:39 p.m. a fire fighter advised that Highway 48 was icy on Snow Flake Hill. State highway department was notified and responded.

November 28:
 2:38 a.m. a 911 caller reported a domestic, a fight involving his son and another subject who pulled a gun and threatened to shoot his son. Then the subject left in a dually pickup. Carrizozo police responded and state police were notified to

BULO the truck.
 6:29 a.m. a caller reported a one vehicle accident without injuries on Gavilan Canyon Road. State police were notified.
 8 a.m. a funeral home requested an escort for a funeral procession. Carrizozo police responded.
 1:45 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check of two subjects living in a trailer park in Dona Ana County. Dispatch advised Dona Ana County sheriff's office.
 2 p.m. a caller requested a welfare check at a business in Carrizozo. Carrizozo police responded and checked the business and the owners' residence but no one was at either location. The calling party was advised.
 3:25 p.m. a Sierra County Sheriff's Officer requested a welfare check on her husband and their three year old child whose vehicle slid off Montezuma Road and they needed a wrecker. A deputy responded and gave the subjects a ride to the wrecker's station.
 7:05 p.m. a caller advised that a male prowler was around her place and she needed an officer. The caller only said her residence was behind a bar, but gave no other instructions where her residence was located. The dispatcher believed it was in the Bent area so she advised Otero County Sheriff's Office.
 9:36 p.m. a caller reported an injured deer on Highway 48 just north of Snow Flake Hill. State police were notified.

Nov. 6:39 a.m. ambulance for a possible Carrizozo ambulance responded and transported the patient to LCMC.
 7:30 a.m. a caller reported a dead cat in the roadway. Carrizozo police were notified.

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Lincoln County News
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LEGALS

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-17

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 21st day of November, 1997, has set the meeting dates for the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall meet at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, with four meetings to be held in Ruidoso, New Mexico, and the meeting dates and times to be specified later.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following regular meeting dates:

- * TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1998
* TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1998
* TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998
* TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 1998
* TUESDAY, MAY 12, 1998
* FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 1998
* TUESDAY, JULY 14, 1998
* TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 1998
* FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1998
* FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1998
* FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1998
* TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1998

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 21st day of November, 1997.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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RESOLUTION #1 - 98

OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, Any meetings subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District on this 3rd day of December, 1997, that:

- 1.) Regular meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District shall ordinarily be held each month at 11:45 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at Mario's Restaurant. A proposed agenda will be available from Joy Wagner whose office is located 1011 S. Atkinson, Roswell, New Mexico. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven (7) days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.
a.) Notice of regular meetings will be released seven (7) days before each regular meeting to the Roswell Daily Record.
2.) Special meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven (7) days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.
a.) The Roswell Daily Record will be notified by telephone.
3.) Emergency meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.
4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E or the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure:
(1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the clo-

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-18

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 21st day of November, 1997, has approved and adopted the Official Holiday Calendar for Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following as the Official Holiday Calendar for Lincoln County.

- Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birth day..... will be observed on Monday, January 19, 1998
Lincoln's Birth day..... will be observed on Friday, November 27, 1998
Washington's Birth day
will be observed on Thursday, December 24, 1998
Good Friday..... will be observed on Friday, April 10, 1998
Memorial Day..... will be observed on Monday, May 25, 1998
Independence Day..... will be observed on Friday, July 3, 1998
Labor Day..... will be observed on Monday, September 7, 1998
Columbus Day..... will be observed on Monday, October 12, 1998
Veteran's Day..... will be observed on Wednesday, November 11, 1998
Thanksgiving Day..... will be observed on Thursday, November 26, 1998
Christmas Day..... will be observed on Friday, December 25, 1998
New Year's Day..... will be observed on Friday, January 1, 1998

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 21st day of November, 1997.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

- L. RAY NUNLEY, CHAIRMAN
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MARTHA M. PROCTOR
LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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were shall be stated in the motion calling for this vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and
(2) If called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

Anthony Trent
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District
December 3, 1997
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ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CAPITAN Resolution No. 97-20

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Capitan of Lincoln County New Mexico that:

- A.) A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 3, 1998. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.
B.) At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:
1.) One Mayor for a four year term.
2.) One Trustee for a four year term.
3.) One Trustee for a four year term.
4.) One Municipal Judge for a four year term.
C.) Precinct three (3) is for the regular municipal election.
D.) The following location is designated as the polling place to conduct the regular municipal election:
1.) Voters in precinct three (3) shall vote at Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street.
E.) Voters in the absent voter precinct will vote at the office of the Village Clerk, 114 Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, New Mexico.
F.) Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 3, 1998 at 5:00 p.m., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.
G.) All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 6, 1998 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
H.) The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on voting machines, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for the designated precinct.
Adopted and approved this 24th day of November, 1997.

NORMAN RENFRO, Mayor

Deborah Cummins, Clerk/Treasurer, CMC (Seal)

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ELECCION RESOLUCION PUEBLO DE CAPITAN Resolution No. 97-20

Sea Resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Capitan; que:

- A.) Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 3 de marzo de 1998. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.
B.) En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:
1.) Un Alcalde por un termino de cuatro anos.
2.) Un Fiduuciario por un termino de cuatro anos.
3.) Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro anos.
C.) El precinto tres (3) para la eleccion municipal regular.
D.) El siguiente localidad son como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:
1.) Los votantes en el Precinto tres (3) votaran en Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street, en Capitan, Nuevo Mexico.
E.) Votantes en el precinto de votantes absentistas votaran en la oficina de la escribana municipal.
F.) Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln no mas tarde que el martes, 3 de febrero de 1998 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros de registro.
G.) Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 6 de enero de 1998 entre las horas de las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m.
H.) Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar excepto los que votan por boleta ausente. Por lo menos, una maquina

LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Road Review Committee has scheduled a meeting for Monday, December 29, 1997. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. in the parking lot of the Post Office in Nogal, New Mexico.
1.) Request to open and maintain a road in Nogal behind Fire Station to U.S.F.S. Mrs. Teresa Brazie.
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para votar se usara en el lugar de votacion para los precintos designados.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 24 de noviembre de 1997.

NORMAN RENFRO, Alcalde

Deborah Cummins, Escribana Municipal (Seal)

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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, 1996, 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 205 Carter Circle, Ruidoso, New Mex-

ico, 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 thereon filed in the office of the County Clerk and Executive Recorder of Lincoln County, April 26, 1988.

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 purch-

ase 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
District Court
1000 New York Avenue, Room D, 2nd Floor
Alamogordo, New Mexico 88310
(505) 437-7310, Ext. 49

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold a Public Hearing beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 13, 1998, in Commission Chambers, at the Lincoln County Administration Building, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following proposed ordinance:

(1) Proposed Ordin

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

MARTHA GUEVARA, Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF MEETING DATE CHANGE

The Upper Hondo Soil and Water Conservation District Board will meet on Wednesday, January 7th at 4:00 p.m. at the District Office, Hwy 280 West, Capitan, New Mexico. This meeting is in lieu of their normal meeting date which would be on January 1st. Also, a special meeting will be held January 21st at the District Office at 4:00 p.m. to learn about the Interstate Stream Commission Loan Program. The public is always welcome to attend Soil and Water Conservation District Board meetings. For further information call 354-2220.

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HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS HONOR ROLL

1st Nine Weeks

Superintendent's (straight A's): Brian Aragon; A Honor Roll: Amanda Gomez, Dolores Medina; B Honor Roll: Alysia Chavez, Janis Gonzales, Lawrence Gonzales, Brenda Lucero, Patricio Sanchez.

Third Grade:

Superintendent's (straight A's): Morgan Thomas; A Honor Roll: Patrick Chavez, Thea Evans, Angelle Garcia, Pancho Ontiveros; B Honor Roll: Viviana Marquez, Maegan Parmley, Leo Salcido.

Fourth Grade:

A Honor Roll: Angelica Chavez; B Honor Roll: Jesse Baca, Fidel Hernandez, Patrick Montoya, Eva Ontiveros, Taka Salcido.

Fifth Grade:

Superintendent's (straight A's): Jamie Garcia; A Honor Roll: E.J. Sanchez; B Honor Roll: Steven Chavez, Humberto Lerma, Airika Perez, Dawn Salcido, J.C. Yokum.

Sixth Grade:

Superintendent's (straight A's): Harmony Haun, Audrey Thomas; A Honor Roll: Samantha Gomez; B Honor Roll: Robbie Burchett, Elijah Chavez, Josephine Gutierrez, Derek McTeigue, David Miranda, Jennie Nowell, Lauren Richardson, Mark Silva.

Secondary

Superintendent's-3.7 and above, Honor Roll-3.0-3.69.

Seventh Grade:

Superintendent's: Jessica Candelaria, Dominic Ortega; Honor Roll: Jackie Chavez, Randi Gomez, Sara Romero.

Eighth Grade:

Superintendent's: Stefanie Archuleta, Sarah Sanchez, Kalya Gomez, Shannon McNatt, C.J. McTeigue, Carlos Miranda, Christina Sanchez, Tyler Sineros; Honor Roll: Renee Lopez, Cynthia Lucero, Ashley Osborn, Fabien Sanchez, Tammy Sanchez.

Ninth Grade:

Superintendent's: Kizzy Haun; Honor Roll: Chriselda Acosta, Adan Lerma, Katherine Montoya, Wesley Osborn.

Tenth Grade:

Superintendent's: Narcisca Montoya; Honor Roll: Chassidy Gonzales, Tashina Herrera, Ismael Miranda, Martin Richardson, Kristen

Romero, Philbert Salas, Jessica Ann Sanchez, Fred Schlageter.

Eleventh Grade:

Superintendent's: Joshua Candelaria, Christina Chavez, Yadira Lerma, Karla Martinez, Adam Romero, Bethany Sanchez; Honor Roll: Sandra Medina.

Twelfth Grade:

Superintendent's: Bismark Aguilera, Maria Alvarado, Jason Candelaria, Adam Herrera, Alejandro Lerma, Jackie Sanchez, Jeffrey Sanchez, Glen White; Honor Roll: Travis Gonzales.



May all your days be merry and bright! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

LaMay Carrizozo Phillips 66

Best Christmas Wishes!



Behold the eternal beauty of this blessed time!

Merry Christmas and our sincere thanks to our cherished friends and neighbors.

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5tc/Nov. 26, Dec. 4, 11, 18, 24

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tfn/Oct. 9

FOR RENT: Apartments and Kitchenettes for rent by the week or month. Free utilities and maid service. Smokey Bear Motel - Capitan, 354-2253.
tfn/Oct. 9

FOR RENT: In Capitan, large clean 1-BDRM, Apartment, \$295.00 furnished or \$265.00 unfurnished. Water, sewer and garbage paid. 2-BDRM, \$350.00 unfurnished, \$395.00 furnished. 354-2006 or 354-3176.
tfn/Nov. 26

FOR SALE: Remodeled 14x70, 2BR on 1/3 acre city lot in Carrizozo. Under \$600.00 down. Under \$200.00 month. No payment for 90 days. B100 1-505-296-0243.
tfn/Nov. 6

FOR SALE: Dachshund puppies, \$100.00 each. 5 males. Day phone 648-2389, after 9:00 p.m. 648-2274.
2tc/Dec. 18 & 23

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354-4321
1tp/Dec. 23

If you have property in the Carrizozo area and you want to sell, please call or come by the C.O. Rominger Company, 1208 "E" Avenue in Carrizozo 648-2900. Member of the Ruidoso Multiple Listing Service.
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3tc/Dec. 18, 23 & 31

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3tc/Dec. 18, 23 & 31



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More Sheriff's Report . . .

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11:37 a.m. a caller requested animal control for a stray dog. Carrizozo police responded.

12:06 p.m. a caller requested a specific deputy about a female neighbor who was harassing kids who were riding a four wheeler on his property. The deputy responded.

1:52 p.m. an ambulance was requested at the 4th run for a subject with a chest and hip injury. RALS responded and transported the patient to LCMC.

1:53 p.m. a caller reported an assault. Carrizozo police responded.

1:53 p.m. a caller reported a possible breaking and entering, someone went into his RV and took the TV, jewelry and turquoise. Two deputies responded.

1:54 p.m. a caller from Alton requested animal control for a dead cat on her deck who appeared to have starved or frozen to death. The animal control officer was assigned.

2:39 p.m. a caller reported a theft/vandalism, someone cut off and took a chain and lock at a location in the White Oaks area. A deputy responded.

2:56 p.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a male subject having seizures. RALS responded.

5:02 p.m. Ruidoso police advised they found a pick-up with a woman's purse and keys inside. A deputy responded.

7:03 p.m. a caller requested to speak with an officer because he suspected his son of stealing. Carrizozo police responded.

7:30 p.m. a cell phone caller reported a vehicle hit an elk on State Road 244 (on the Mesquero Reservation). State police were notified.

11:05 p.m. an accident without injuries involving a deer was reported on Highway 70 on the reservation. State police and Mesquero police were notified.

11:53 p.m. the detention center requested an ambulance for a male prisoner who cut his wrists. A deputy responded to the jail and requested Carrizozo police for assistance. Carrizozo ambulance was paged and responded with the deputy driving it to LCMC. After the prisoner was treated, he was taken back to the jail and was to receive counseling.

November 30:
8:16 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

8:15 a.m. a deputy advised he was assisting Ruidoso police at an open door at Ruidoso High School.

9:30 a.m. a deputy advised he had arrested two subjects on warrants in Carrizozo.

9:33 a.m. a caller requested an officer for a lock out at a business. Capitan police responded.

10:48 a.m. a cell phone caller reported an accident at mile marker 265 on Highway 70. State police were notified and RALS responded and requested Ruidoso Downs fire department because Glencoe Fire Department did not respond to the page.

10:50 a.m. a caller requested an ambulance for a person at a business who was having a possible heart attack, but also smelled of alcohol. Capitan ambulance responded, but the patient refused transport.

11:16 a.m. a caller reported a theft. The caller had left his vehicle at a location and was walking away when he observed a dark blue truck stopped and a subject got into his vehicle. When the caller returned to the vehicle his down vest was gone. A deputy was assigned.

12:31 p.m. an injured hawk was reported less than a mile south of Carrizozo on Highway 54. Carrizozo police found the bird and was holding it for a Game and Fish Department officer.

12:56 p.m. a person walked in and requested an officer for a lock out on Highway 54. Carrizozo police responded, but the vehicle was gone when he arrived.

3:39 p.m. a caller advised that an audible alarm was sounding for a couple of days in the Enchanted Forest area and she requested a deputy patrol the area. A deputy was assigned.

5:10 p.m. a caller reported a one vehicle roll-over at a location 11 miles north of Carrizozo on Highway 54. There were five occupants and one was seriously injured and the others had minor injuries. Both Carrizozo ambulances responded. One transported the injured to LCMC and the other met with the Lifeguard helicopter. Three deputies and state police also responded.

5:31 p.m. a caller reported dogs attacked his goats and two were injured. He did not know who the dogs belonged to but he wanted the

report on the record.

9:02 p.m. an unidentified caller reported a domestic at a location in Ruidoso. Dispatch asked the caller if there had been a fight, and the caller advised yes. Ruidoso police were notified.

10:58 p.m. an alarm company requested a deputy check out a house off Gavilan Canyon where an alarm was sounding. The owner of

the house called in and advised all was okay and the boyholder went to the house instead of meeting with the officer. The assigned deputy was advised.

December 1:
6:49 a.m. a caller requested a wrecker to have an abandoned vehicle removed from the road to the new Alto sewer plant. A wrecker was notified.



DRUMMER BOYS: Carrizozo High School band students David Medina and John Paul Ortiz perform during the Christmas concert.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

DECEMBER

The following individuals were booked into, or released from the Lincoln County Detention Center in the courthouse in Carrizozo:

July 21:
John Moryko, 24, Ruidoso: criminal trespassing, possession of marijuana less than one ounce, probation violation; \$1,500 cash bond set by Magistrate Judge Bill Butts, and no bond set by probation officer.

July 22:
William R. Brazel, 72, Captain: aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; no bond set by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr.; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO), released Sept. 9 to be transported to Las Vegas Medical Center.

Richard Bechtel, 29, Corona: impersonating a police officer, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; \$50,000 cash bond set by Dean; arrested by LCSO; released August 25 to the electronic bracelet program.

Diana Yarber, 35, Albuquerque: burglary, larceny, possession of drug paraphernalia; \$15,000 cash bond set by Butts; released August 8 to be transported to Las Vegas Medical Center.

Brian Barton, 22, Captain: arrested on Ruidoso warrant and district court warrant; \$434 cash bond set by judge Mike Line and no bond set by District Judge Karen Parsons; released August 22 on orders from Parsons, Butts and Line.

July 27:
Carrie Welch, 24, Ruidoso: failure to appear; no bond set by Parsons; released August 25 to be transported to the Women's New Mexico Correctional Facility (WNMCF) in Grants.

July 28:
Abeslin F. Chavez, 21, Hondo: disorderly conduct, assault on police officer, resisting arrest, criminal damage to property; \$10,000 cash bond set by Butts; released August 8 on orders from Butts.

July 29:
Jessie Ramirez, 46, Ruidoso Downs: intimidation of a witness, criminal sexual contact with a minor; \$150,000 cash bond set by

Butts.
July 30:
Wayne Wats, 28, Ruidoso: aggravated battery on household member, criminal damage to property; no bond set by Butts; released August 4 on orders from Butts.

Arthur Silva, 32, Mesalero: violation of probation, DUI 3rd, driving on suspended license, no insurance, failure to pay fines, contempt of court; 364 days court commitment by Butts, \$479 cash bond by Ruidoso Downs judge Harold Mansell.

July 31:
Zed Jenkins, 42, Montana: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana; \$6,500 cash bond set by Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr. posted and released August 13; arrested by state police.

Kraig Burns, 30, Ruidoso Downs: possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana; \$6,500 cash bond set by Dean, posted and released August 11; arrested by State police.

August 1:
Larry Ysasi, 46, Ruidoso Downs: domestic violence, criminal damage to property; \$15,000 cash bond set by Butts posted and released August 21; arrested by state police.

Kristina Weise, 32, Ruidoso Downs: contempt of court; five days court commitment with good time; released August 3, time served.

Terry Medcalf, 43, Ruidoso Downs: aggravated battery against a household member; \$50,000 cash bond set by Butts.

Melciro Rodelas, 31, Denver: court commitment of seven days by Dean; released August 8, time served.

August 3:
Oscar Sanchez, 25, Ruidoso: battery on household member; \$5,000 cash bond set by Butts posted and released same day; arrested by LCSO.

August 4:
Karea Corp, 54, Carrizozo: battery on household member; \$5,000 cash bond set by Butts;

released same day to bracelet program; arrested by LCSO.

William Corp, 72, Carrizozo: battery on household member; \$5,000 cash bond set by Butts; released August 5 on orders from Butts; arrested by Carrizozo police.

August 5:
Luis Mendez, 24, Mexico: tickets; \$600 cash bond set by Dean posted and released same day; arrested by state police.

August 6:
Ralph Boswell, 37, Ruidoso Downs: municipal warrant, probation violation; no bond set by probation officer; released August 12 by probation officer.

August 7:
Rebecca Ackerman, 25, Ruidoso: probation violation; no bond set by probation officer; released August 20 on orders from probation officer.

Wilson Kelo, 47, Ruidoso: intoxicated in court, direct contempt of court; court commitment of no more than 364 days set by Butts; released August 18 on orders from Butts.

Michael Sanchez, 20, Roswell: Otero County warrant, failure to appear, contempt of court, failure to pay fines; \$300 cash bond for warrant, \$212 cash bond set by judge Line; released same day on orders from Line, released to state police for transport to Otero County.

August 10:
Jose A. Olivias, 20, El Paso: contempt of court, failure to pay fines; bond set at \$282 cash by Ruidoso Downs judge Harold Mansell posted and released same day; arrested by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO).

August 11:
Henry Sanchez, 54, Ruidoso: parole hold with no bond set by parole officer; released September 4 to be transported to WNMCF.

August 12:
Joseph Scott, 42, Ruidoso: probation violation, no bond set by probation officer; released August 20 by probation officer.

August 13:
William Hightower, 40, Alto: court commitment of 20 days by Magistrate judge Bill Butts;

released same day to bracelet program.
Adolfo Herrera, 28, Ruidoso Downs: probation violation; court commitment of 364 days by Butts; released August 15 to bracelet program.

August 15:
April Chromer, 27, Rockford, Ill.: court commitment 24 counts with \$50,000 cash bond set by Butts and failure to appear with \$150 cash bond set by Otero Magistrate Henry Prelo posted and released August 30; arrested by LCSO.

August 15:
Carl D. Riddle, 43, Ruidoso: court commitment of 43 hours ordered by Ruidoso judge Mike Line; released August 17, time served.

Daniel Valdez, 25, Ruidoso Downs: violation of conditions of release; no bond set by Butts; released October 16 on orders from Butts.

Johnny Hernandez, 30, Phoenix: arrested on Otero County warrant; \$500 cash bond set by Prelo posted and released same day; arrested by state police.

Harry Arma, 49, Truth or Consequences: failure to appear; no bond set by magistrate judge Gerald Dean Jr.; released August 26 on orders from Dean.

August 16:
Creighton Maness, 23, Corona: parole violation; no bond set by parole officer; released August 20 by parole officer; arrested by LCSO.

August 17:
Rosemary Espinoza, 29, Camp Sierra Blanca/Fort Stanton state inmate; held without bond; released August 18 to CSB.

Debra Lara, 28, CSB: held for CSB as state inmate; released August 18 to CSB.

August 18:
Jason Hagler, 24, Alamogordo: arrested on warrant from Socorro County; \$500 cash bond set by Judge Garcia posted same day and released; arrested by Carrizozo police.

Fred Kanesevah, 26, Mesalero: two counts driving on revoked license; court commitment of seven days ordered by Butts; released August 25, time served.

August 19:
Mark B. Jones, 50, Ruidoso: court commitment of two days ordered by Butts; released August 21, time served.

Jacob Glenn, 20, Placitas: held for district court with no bond; released August 20 to be

transported to Bernalillo County Detention Center.
Delton Trass, 24, Mesalero: failure to comply with conditions of probation, failure to pay fines; \$381 cash bond set by Butts; released September 22 on orders from Butts.

August 22:
Andrew Lopez, 73, Mesalero: failure to pay fines, contempt of court; \$444 cash bond set by Butts posted and released August 29.

Wayne Wats, 28, Ruidoso Downs: direct contempt of court, aggravated battery on household member; court commitment of 364 days with no good time.

Jeremy Nunnenkamp, 23, Ruidoso: two counts battery against household member; \$50,000 cash bond set by Butts; released August 28 on orders from Butts.

Clifton Phillips, 62, Ruidoso: DWI 2nd; court commitment of three days ordered by Butts; released August 25, time served.

Steven Smith, 39, Ruidoso: DWI 2nd; court commitment of three days ordered by Butts; released August 25, time served.

August 24:
Juan Villagrana, 45, Wisconsin: failure to pay fines; \$336 cash bond set by Dean posted and released same day; arrested by LCSO.

Matt Ferguson, 32, Carrizozo: DWI 1st; 48 hours ordered by Dean; released August 26, time served.

August 25:
Ray McTeigue, 36, Hondo: DWI 2nd; three days ordered by Butts; released August 28, time served.

Bill Scoville, 62, Ruidoso Downs: DWI 2nd; three days by Butts; released August 28, time served.

James Chavez, 24, Ruidoso: DWI 2nd; three days ordered by Butts; released August 28, time served.

Harry Monk, 49, Mississippi: murder, tampering with evidence; released August 28 to be transported to Las Vegas Medical Center.

Sonja Zamora, 22, Carrizozo: court commitment of 30 days by Carrizozo judge Bill Meeks; released September 18 on orders from Meeks.

August 26:
Ramon Navarrette, 26, Carrizozo: driving on revoked license; \$1000 bond set by Dean; released same day on OR bond; arrested by LCSO.

Larry Roach, Ruidoso Downs: driving on revoked license, probation violation; \$6,500 bond set

for revoked license, no bond for probation violation; released October 10 on bracelet program.

August 27:
James Gabbard, 41, Albuquerque: careless driving, aggravated DWI 1st; two days commitment ordered by Butts; released August 29, time served.

August 28:
John Paul Ventura, 33, Carrizozo: held for district court; released same day on orders from Parsons.

August 29:
Mick Rogers, 41, n/a: forgery 3rd degree; \$10,000 bond set by Butts posted September 24 and released.
Dino Largo, 27, Ruidoso: parole hold; no bond; arrested on warrant \$5,000 bond set by Butts posted September 26 and released.

Cory Robarge, 27, Captain: aggravated battery on household member; \$15,000 bond set by Dean; arrested by LCSO.

August 30:
Philip PeKerick, 30, Ruidoso: no insurance, DWI 1st; court commitment of two days by Butts; released September 1, time served.

August 31:
Richard A. Sanchez, 30, Las Cruces: battery on a household member; \$5,000 bond set by Dean posted and released same day.



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