

County Chair Breaks Tie On Governor Invitation

by Doris Cherry

A motion to get the Lincoln County Commission to invite Governor Gary Johnson to Lincoln County to hold a drug forum failed when county commission chairman Rex Wilson broke a 2-2 tie despite comments in favor of this from members of the meeting audience.

At the November Lincoln County Commission meeting held in Ruidoso, county commissioner Leo Martinez made a motion to invite Gov. Johnson to the county to

hold a drug forum after a public presentation on drug policy reform by Libertarian members Tony Seno and county chapter chair Susan Ruch. His motion got a second from Rick Simpson, but when commissioners voted, Martinez and Simpson voted yes, Bill Schwettmann and Ray Nunley voted no, leaving Wilson to break the tie against the invitation.

Martinez said he was not in favor of legalizing drugs, and he added that the governor is a tri-athlete and uses no

drugs not even chocolate or sugar. "We need a dialogue, we need the governor to come here," Martinez added. "But we need to look at it as being fiscally responsible for the taxpayers. Our biggest budget is for the sheriff's office and jail."

"I am not for drugs and never have been, and I know I'll be branded (for supporting the drug dialogue)," Martinez said. "I think alcohol (abuse) is worse."

Martinez said the drug scene has gotten out of hand

because of the scare tactics used by law enforcement.

After the failed vote on the motion for the county commission to invite the governor to a forum at the Ruidoso Convention Center, Martinez asked if he could invite the governor and hold a forum as an individual commissioner. Wilson and county attorney Alan Morel said Martinez could do that as an individual.

Martinez's motion came after the presentation by Seno and Ruch and comments in favor of a

forum from citizens Wes Owen, Doris Cherry and Duane Williams. Cherry and Owen also spoke about the drug war.

Seno opened the presentation with a challenge to the "efficacy of our current drug policy."

"I agree with Governor Johnson's statement that we are putting more and more money into a war that we are absolutely losing," Seno continued. Seno said he did not advocate the use of drugs, but he does advocate "personal choice and

individual liberty."

"Legalization would put an end to most drug violence, the brutalization of drug users, corruption of police, clogging of our courts and prisons," Seno said. "Legalization would free up social resources for efficient drug education and compassionate treatment for addicts."

"An endless and futile War on Drugs is an intolerable assault upon the very essence of America," Seno

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Commodities To Be Delivered In Carrizozo Dec. 15

Commodities Supplemental Food Program will deliver food commodities at Carrizozo Zia Senior Citizens Center from 2:30-5 p.m. Wednesday, December 15.

Senior citizens over 60 years, women with children ages one to five or who have given birth within the past year are eligible.

Participants must present proof of address in two forms and gross income for the previous month, proof of child's age and must register and qualify under income guidelines.

Participants are asked to bring boxes or sacks to carry their food.

Corona Action Team To Meet Dec. 6 To Prepare For Dec. 10 Open House

Corona Action Team will meet at 10 a.m. Monday, December 6, at the Corona Museum to prepare for Christmas Open House at the Museum. Everyone is invited to help with the street decorations and cleaning.

The Christmas Open House will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, December 10 at Corona Museum. There will be refreshments and treats for the children.

Carrizozo Community Choir Concert Dec. 12

Carrizozo Community Choir and Kala's Kommunity Kids will present their annual Christmas celebration concert at 2 p.m. Sunday, December 12, at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo.

There is no admission to the concert. The church is located at 1000 D. Ave.

Carrizozo Christmas Eve Luminaria Display Is A Community Effort

The annual Christmas Eve Luminaria display in Carrizozo is a community effort.

Volunteers will be needed to help prepare 10,000 luminarias on Saturday, December 11, at the Carrizozo Fire Department.



CSB GRADUATES THREE. New Mexico state senator Michael Sanchez (above) addresses the graduation ceremony of "Sean, Josh and Dion" from Camp Sierra Blanca on November 30. The boys had to earn class credits to re-enter high school or get a GED, plus meet a number of other requirements to graduate from the privately operated camp that provides an alternative to incarceration for young men with criminal convictions. Sean, who got his GED, had to enroll in a college or vocational school and get a job as part of his requirement. Some of the CSB board of directors who attended the graduation were Lincoln County commissioner Rex Wilson and his wife Carol and District Judge Karen L. Parsons. Also attending was Lincoln County County Agent Pete Gnatkowski who established a 4-H program at CSB. (Below) Sanchez accepts a CSB cap from camp director Philip Adams. In his speech Sanchez said today's society does not trust young people or have tolerance for their behavior. "You are the future of New Mexico," he said. "I trust you to make good decisions, and to keep a faith in God." The three graduates spoke, then Sean was given a class ring in honor of his GED. CSB receives funding from the state to provide education, vocational training and rehabilitation programs for 50 male juvenile offenders.



Ruidoso To Hold \$6 Million Bond Election On March 7

by Doris Cherry

On March 7, 2000, the village of Ruidoso will hold its regular municipal election.

Three council positions for four year terms and one council position for a two year term will be open for election. Currently those positions are held by Bob Sterchi, Frank Cummins and Ron Anderson in the four year terms and Linda Flack in the two year term.

Along with the council election, the ballot will include a "community center general obligation bond" question: "Shall the village of Ruidoso issue up to \$6 million of bonds to construct, equip and improve a community center to be located at the White Mountain Recreation Fields site on Hull Road and which shall include a handicap

accessible indoor recreational swimming pool with dressing and locker facilities; a dedicated teen activity room; a multi-room recreation and community function facility; and indoor all-weather 1/16 mile walking concourse; and parks and recreation department administrative offices?"

Mayor Robert Donaldson said if the voters approve the bond election it will not raise their property taxes. "We've worked out a schedule of bond elections every four or five years to pay for quality of life projects," Donaldson said.

As for the \$6 million bond, Donaldson said the entire amount most likely will not be needed. He said the village has made sure it got a real close construction cost estimate for the recreation

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County Forgives Ambulance Debt

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners forgave more than \$90,000 in uncollectible debts from ambulance costs not covered by Medicaid or Medicare payments.

During their meeting November 16 in Ruidoso Convention Center, four county commissioners voted in favor, with county commissioner Leo Martinez abstaining, on a recommendation from

county manager Ton Stewart to write off the Medicare and Medicaid uncollectible accounts.

Martinez first requested the county should try to collect the remaining debt on the Medicaid and Medicare accounts. But Lincoln County had agreed to accept as payment in full the amounts paid by Medicaid and Medicare with the exception of authorized deductibles, co-insurance

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C'zozo Council Concerned About Recreation Center

by Barbara Culler

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, November 23. Trustees James Silva, Eileen Lovelace, Wesley Lindsay, and Cynthia Morales were present. Mayor Manuel Hernandez and town clerk/treasurer Carol Schlarb were also present.

Karen Haughness' request for an easement to her property in Mountain Park Subdivision was the first item to be discussed by the trustees. Her property borders the 40 acres that is to be leased to Alesca for

their carbon recycling plant. It is in the county now; however, she has petitioned to have the property annexed into Carrizozo. Haughness was requesting easement from Sidwell Drive through the property that is to be leased to Alesca so that she could possibly develop her land to bring more housing to Carrizozo.

Hernandez told Haughness that the town has negotiated with Alesca for that property and was not free to give her an easement. She asked the trustees to reconsider her

request if the negotiations with Alesca do not go through and Hernandez said that they would. Jim Payne, Carrizozo town foreman, told the trustees that there is already access to the property.

Lovelace asked where Alesca was going to build their plant on the 40 acre tract. Hernandez said that he has seen the blueprints but they did not show exactly where the plant was going to be on the 40 acres. He said that they could negotiate with Alesca and find out exactly what the layout is going to be.

Lovelace said that since all the paperwork isn't done perhaps there is a possibility of getting an easement through the 40 acres. Lindsay said he couldn't see why there couldn't be an easement if Alesca isn't going to build on the back part. He said that it is something to look at when Alesca tells the town what they are going to do. Hernandez said that Alesca will probably be signing the lease in the mid part of January. Haughness was told that the trustees would get back to her and let her know what is going

on. Connie Hopper, Lincoln County Emergency Coordinator, requested that the trustees renew the Al Hazard Response Agreement between Carrizozo, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, Capitan and Corona. The town signed the agreement four or five years ago. She said that the wording was the same except for the two following changes: she added two new county fire departments and changed the Bonita Volunteer Fire

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Carrizozo Rec Center

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BOOKMOBILE SCHEDULE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
 Corona Post Office.....12:30-2:30 p.m.
 Carrizozo/Otero Electric.....4:00-6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
 Carrizozo/Otero Electric.....7:30-8:30 a.m.
 Nogal Post Office.....8:45-9:30 a.m.
 Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe.....10:00-11:30
 Sierra Blanca Camp.....1:45-1:00 p.m.
 Lincoln Post Office.....3:30-4:30 p.m.
 Hondo Store.....4:45-6:00 p.m.

Station to Bonita Volunteer Fire Department. The trustees approved renewing the All Hazard Response Agreement which allows Carrizozo's fire prevention and control agencies to provide aid and assistance to the other Hazard Response and control agencies within Lincoln County.

Hopper also discussed Y2K readiness. She gave each of the trustees and Schlarb a copy of the Lincoln County Emergency Management Program. The program lists items that can be gathered in advance for any disaster (such as snow storms, fires, or floods) not just Y2K. Hopper said that people should be prepared for any type of disaster with supplies to last from three days to two weeks. She said that if something should happen because of Y2K that the government couldn't take care of everybody so it is being pushed that individuals be prepared. Hopper said that individuals should see that they are prepared and that their neighbors are prepared. She asked that the town make copies and hand it out to residents who come to city hall and ask for them.

Hopper said that Lincoln County on their computer system is Y2K compliant, that the jails don't need computers as the doors can be opened with keys, the county is compliant except for a couple of very small areas, they have an emergency generator at the sheriff's department which will keep electricity in the detention facility and the dispatch center so they can keep working on the radio, and they have telephones.

Hopper said that the Lincoln County Emergency Operations Center office

will open on New Year's Eve, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. and will stay open until 6:00 a.m. on New Year's Day, January 1. If there are problems, her office will not close until the problems stop. She has people who will be listening to radios that she can get a hold of and if the electricity does go out will come to the emergency operations center. Hopper said that the New Mexico Emergency Operation Center will open at 8 o'clock on December 31 and will stay open until January 5 regardless of whether anything happens or not.

Concerning Y2K, Payne was asked about water for the town. He said that if electricity was lost the town would have to depend on gravity flow because from the height of the water plant, where the Bonito water comes in, there is no way that you can go from there into your storage tank and come back into town because there is about 52 feet difference. Payne said that the only alternative you would have is to cut a main from your input to your output where you can put water into the line and then you could have water as long as Bonito dam had water. "That doesn't say it is A number one water, but it would work for a bath or something like that. You could chlorinate it, but as far as turbidity and stuff like that, it has to be as is because that filter plant will not work without electricity," Payne said.

Payne was asked if you cut into the main before or after the town does not have any water. He said it would be silly to do it if nothing happened. He said it would take a few people to cut into the main within

eight hours time. He said people could last eight hours without water. If people had to go get water, and there was no electricity or no well running, in the extreme, Payne said they could get it at the filter plant. Bonita flow is gravity and always flows through the water filtration plant.

When asked about getting a generator Payne said it is impossible to get one. He said it takes three phase power, reversible ones are unavailable, and generators are all sold out. Payne said that Carrizozo does not have the money to buy one.

Hernandez said that the residents should know that water will be plentiful and available though it may need to be boiled for drinking. Hopper said the town should let the residents know they should store water. She said that she seriously thinks it important that the town needs to let people know that the town has a contingency plan. Schlarb said that she would send the information with the water bill. Lovelace suggested putting who or where to call if there is a problem. Payne said that he would bring Schlarb a copy of the contingency water plan.

Hopper said that Y2K has taught that we need to be prepared and where we live we have ice storms, we need to be prepared if we lose electricity, it isn't just Y2K.

Pat Voss, representing the lodger's tax committee, recommended the reordering of 10,000 magnets, that advertise Carrizozo, and are given out at the Carrizozo Visitor's Center. The total cost of the magnets is \$2,707.00. The trustees gave their approval. Voss also told the trustees that there have been 2,011 signed visitors at the visitor's center. Gary Stout said that 1,600 people

have visited Carrizozo's web site.

The opening meetings and resolution and the year 2000 holiday calendar resolution were approved by the trustees.

The election resolution was approved for a regular municipal election to be held on March 7, 2000. Persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices: two trustees for a four year term each, and one municipal judge for a four year term.

The New Mexico Community Development Council proposed FY2000 planning schedule was presented. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application hearings will be between January 5 - January 7, 2000, in Portales. Carrizozo is scheduled to make their presentation on January 6. The hearings start at 9:00 a.m. If you are interested in attending the hearings, check with the town clerk for the address where they will be held and if you are interested in car pooling.

Trustees approved the New Mexico Municipal League participation agreement "Buckle Up America" program between the New Mexico Association of Chiefs of Police and the Carrizozo Police Department.

The appointment of a replacement for Mike Shivers on the Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission was tabled.

Carrizozo Chief of Police Angelo Vega presented two bids for repairs for the police department court complex. Ned's Plumbing and Repair from Carrizozo was \$2,767 plus tax and Sambero Construction from Capitan was \$3,280 plus tax. Schlarb said that there was no extra money available for the repairs. Vega will get new quotes for just the gas heater and building a

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complex, with a built-in 20 percent contingency fee for the "Ruidoso factor." The Ruidoso factor is due to the additional cost of materials, labor and housing for construction companies to do projects in the village.

Donaldson said the village is also working to get funding from other sources, including the state legislature. "If needed we will use all the available bond funds," he added. "But we don't expect to."

Potential candidates for the council positions must file their declarations of candidacy in the office of the Ruidoso Village Clerk on Tuesday, January 11, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Candidates must have a declaration of candidacy form and a certified copy of the candidate's current affidavit of voter registration on file with the county clerk and which has been certified by that office on a date no earlier than the adoption of election resolution.

Absentee voting begins February 9 and ends at 5 p.m. on March 2. Only the qualified, registered voter may pick up and deliver to the municipal clerk their own application for an absentee ballot and the actual completed paper ballot. The process can be done by mail, but no other person but the qualified voter may hand deliver an application or ballot.

For the first time, the municipal election will have an early absentee voting. The early voting begins at 8 a.m. February 16 and ends at 5 p.m. March 3. Early voting will be done on a voting machine in the village clerk's office.

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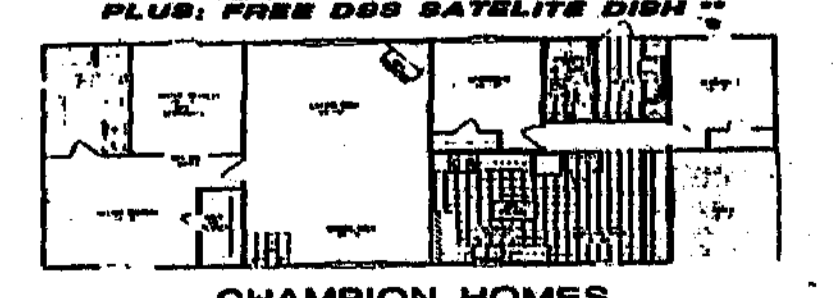
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS
 —Jalayne Spivey of the District II Office of the State Engineer is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

TUESDAYS
 —Alcoholic Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Citizens Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

WEDNESDAYS
 —Moms In Touch prayer meeting, 9 a.m. Ancho. Carpool from Carrizozo. Call 648-2460 for information.

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS
 —Ruidoso Public Library story time, 2-3 p.m. Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. Thursdays, for children 3-6.

THURSDAYS
 —Carrizozo School Library Story Hour 9:30-10:30 a.m. for preschoolers age 3-5.
 —Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 —Capitan Chamber of Commerce Bingo, 6:30-10 p.m. Chamber building on Second Street.
 —Alcoholics Anonymous 8 p.m. Carrizozo Senior Center. Call 648-1145 for information.

FRIDAYS
 —Alcoholics Anonymous big book open discussion 7-8 p.m. Capitan Senior Center 354-4032 for information.

SATURDAYS
 —Capitan Public Library open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2
 —Ruidoso Lighting of the Christmas Tree, 6:15 p.m. School House Park on Sudderth Drive.
 —Friends of Smokey-Capitan, 6:30 p.m. Smokey Bear Restaurant in Capitan

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3
 —Bake sale 9 a.m. Wells Fargo Bank, Carrizozo, sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church.
 —Open House for Ruidoso RSVP 2-4 p.m. Ruidoso Senior Center.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
 —Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Woman's Club building.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5
 —Family Forum 3 p.m. at Santa Rita Catholic Church Parish Hall in Carrizozo, sponsored by Santa Rita, Sacred Heart and St. Theresa Catholic Churches. Forum will look at what is needed to help families in the communities. Pot luck supper will follow the forum.
 —ENMU Community Orchestra Concert 7 p.m. Ruidoso Episcopal Church.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 6
 —Corona Action Team meeting 10 a.m. Corona Museum.
 —Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. Chamber building on 2nd Street.
 —Capitan Schools Parent ACT meeting 1-3 p.m. administration building.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7
 —Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council 9 a.m. county commission chambers of the courthouse in Carrizozo.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8
 —Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce 12 noon Wells Fargo Bank community room.
 —Silent auction for Capitan Public Library ends. Contact the library at 354-3035 for information.
 —Special public hearing by Capitan Village Trustees at 6 p.m. on changes to village criminal code on possession

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C'zozo CofC Receives Responses To Questionnaires

Response to the questionnaires sent to Carrizozo residents in October by Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce has been good.

At the November Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meeting, president Peter Wolfe announced that responses are being tallied. "The numbers are good and a few are still coming in," Wolfe said. He added that the questionnaires allowed for anonymous feedback of new ideas, opinions and constructive criticism.

At the meeting chamber treasurer Donna Harkey reported the town had yet to reimburse the chamber for the electric bills at the Visitors Center Caboose. Also the Carrizozo Lodgers Tax Committee had not yet reimbursed the chamber for the Centennial advertising costs. Harkey reminded that membership renewals for 2000 were due.

Member Rene Burton volunteered to serve on a budget committee for year 2000 with Wolfe and Harkey.

As Carrizozo is not listed in the 1999/2000 US West Dex telephone directory under "Area Communities and

Attractions" or in the yellow pages under Chambers of Commerce, vice-president Suzanne Donazetti and public relations chair Phyllis Schlegel have volunteered to prepare information about Carrizozo to put in the 2000/2001 directory. Members with ideas should contact Schlegel or Donazetti before the early February deadline.

Gary Stout reported the chamber webpage "hits" are averaging 200 a month and most are reading the whole site. About 25 percent of those hits request further information on the area. Scott Shafer suggested the chamber use the site to direct people where "we want them to go." Stout responded that he had an indicator that shows the number of hits to each area in the chamber website.

Stout also said he plans to use the digital camera to update and further promote individual pages within the chamber website. He requested businesses to provide text to go along with pictures he can take.

Carrizozo Action Team chair Rene Burton reported

that the November 8 Town Meeting was attended by about 50 people, and was so successful that another Town Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 18, 2000. Carrizozo residents will receive a mailed invitation to the Town Meeting.

The meeting ended with plans made for a special Christmas Card to be erected at McDonald Park bearing the names of chamber

members. Arden Burd and Donazetti will assist with building and painting the card. Also plans are to decorate the lights in McDonald Park and the Visitors Center Caboose for the holidays. Expenses for the card and light decorations will be donated by chamber member Pat Voss.

Chamber news submitted by Phyllis Schlegel.

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Students Named To Who's Who Among American High School Students 1998 - 1999

Several students from Lincoln County are included in the 33rd annual edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1998-99.

Who's Who, published by Educational Communications, Inc., Lake Forest, IL, is the largest recognition program and publication in the nation honoring high achieving high school students. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon students' academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

Lincoln County students selected and their home towns include:

- Carrizozo:** Bianca Baca, Mary Beth Bond, Stella Brewer, Daniel Garner, Adrian Goad, Briton Goad, Bryan Hightower, Mollie Hightower, Patrick Hightower, Brandon Langley, Renee Rael, Elizabeth Sambrano, Robert Shafer.
- Alto:** Jesse Anderson, E'rin Autrey, K'rin Autrey, Michelle A. Cannella, Michael D. Crawford, Erin A. Cronin, Holland Dorn, Alexis G. Hoff, Charity M. Hull, Sarah I. Monks, Erica D. Romero, Joshua Romero, Deann Shade, Jon Spurlock, Chelsea M. Tremblay.
- Capitan:** Sammi R. Allen, Tracy L. Armenta, Brandy L. Bason, Melanie N. Hall, Danielle R. Jenkins, Andrew D. Longbotham, Shawna Shrecongost, Tiffany Skinner, Dustin N. Sultemeier, Bryanne D. Wilkerson.
- Corona:** Courtney R. Perez, Maryah J. Romans.
- Glencoe:** James R. Stout.
- Hondo:** Sandra Medina, Tyler B. Sisneros, Lincoln: Mandy B. Arrowsmith, Carlo R. De Santis.
- Nogal:** Alexa Beier, Lane Dixon, Ashlee S. Hendrix, Taylor J. Smith, Kenny Stahl, Jennifer Tracey, San Patricio: Krazy Haun, Tashina Herrera, Karla Martinez, Carlos Miranda, Ismael Miranda, Bethany Sanchez, Christina Sanchez, Jessica A. Sanchez.

- Tinnie:** Kristen Romero
- Ruidoso:** Reanna M. Bean, Ryan Blackman, Jason Britt, Bryan Carzoli, Lynda Celusniak, Bryant Davis, Sidney Davis, Lindsay Eggleston, Colton D. English, Charles Flanary, Elizabeth Flores, Monique I. Gandara, Stacey Genta, Leanne Gibson, Aaron R. Gillespie, Scott Gossett, Tiffany Harris, Margie E. Mazurek, Erin Raterman, Shannan M. Riordan, Ryan Rossiter, Thomas H. Row, Emily Ruch, Philip Russell, Danny G. Schard, Kristy Silva, Amanda Sisson, Mandin Spence, Evan Stubbs, April Tegeda, Josh Varnadore, Rachel B. Warren.
- Ruidoso Downs:** Solomon Barnett, Jessica Bednorz, Jaelyn Bolden, Ryan Candelavia, Rebecca Conley, Adam C. Delanda, Miranda Diaz, Court Franklin, Rachel M. Gheer, Nathanael Hedin, Erica Hernandez, David C. Hightower, Kathy Hightower, Christina Knight, Matthew McMillan, Brett Meyer, Leah Miller, Joy Pointer, Anthony R. Randolph, Regina Scott, Jerrod T. Stierwalt, Justyn Vogel, Billie Jean M. Wieland, Lauren B. Winfield.

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 3-5....."The Gift of Christmas El Paso Pro-Musica, Union Depot. 915-833-9400.

Dec. 3-5....."Navidad de Las Luminarias." Annual Holiday Concert. Bruce Nehring Consort. Loretto Chapel. 915-534-7664.

Dec. 10"Season of Lights." 8th Annual Holiday Lighting of holiday lights. "Miracle on 34th Street." UTEP Campus. 915-747-8600.

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 Millennium Gala - Dec. 31

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THOUGHTS
FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Three weeks to Christmas

By Ruth Hammond

We heard last night that there will be a change in the weather later this week. Reports are that there could be snow in the higher elevations by the weekend. That means that winter is here and our unseasonably warm weather will end. Colder is here and our unseasonably warm weather will end. Colder is here and our unseasonably warm weather will end. Colder is here and our unseasonably warm weather will end.

Each year Santa receives many letters and it is difficult for him to open each and every letter. This year, as usual, the News will help Santa by opening some of those letters, and at the request of Santa, those letters will be published in the News. The News tries to print each letter just as it is written by the children, complete with the child's spelling.

All of these letters to Santa are special. Some letters include pictures the children have drawn and the News tries to make certain Santa sees these pictures as well as getting the messages and requests written by the children. Santa is extra busy this time of year in his toy shop and in another few weeks he will have to get his sleigh ready for his annual trip around the world. The News is glad to be able to help make it easier for Santa by publishing letters.

The colder weather not only helps people get in the mood for Christmas, it will help make Santa's annual trip easier. Snow on rooftops muffles the sound of the sleigh bells ringing when Santa lands. Snow on rooftops muffles the sound of Santa's boots when he steps out of the sleigh on his way to the chimney. Snow on rooftops muffles the sound of Santa walking back to the sleigh. And snow on the rooftops keeps children from hearing the pawing of the reindeer while they wait for Santa to return to the sleigh.

Hearing that colder weather is on the way must be good news for Santa at this time of year. His heavy red suit was designed to be worn in cold weather. He gets to drink many cups of hot cocoa in cold weather because children like to have it waiting for him when he visits their homes. And colder weather usually causes it to snow. His sleigh has runners that work much better on snow. Snow on the rooftops will help the runners of his sleigh slide easily when he lands and takeoffs will be smoother. Santa lands and takes off many times during the night and he prefers snow.

Every year Santa makes his trip and very year Santa needs help, not just publishing the children's letters but he needs help making certain every child and every family is remembered on Christmas. You can help by donating to Santa Cops or Angel Trees or other programs that provide food, toys and gifts for people. Donations of toys, clothes, food, and other items will be accepted and these will make Christmas happier for the recipients. Money will also be accepted to be used to buy perishable food for gift baskets.

Remember when you were a child and the wonder of Christmas was the most exciting time of the year? You eagerly waited to open gifts, taste all the goodies, and enjoy the holiday. Santa wants every child and every family to have these same experiences. Please help Santa by donating to a Christmas gift program. And think snow!

Cold weather on the way

County Forgives

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and non-covered charges, wrote county manager Tom Stewart in a memo about the debts.

During discussion Stewart said the county auditor recommends the county send the uncollectible debts to a collection agency. Martinez then requested the county send the remaining non-Medicare and non-Medicare debts to a collection agency.

The Medicare and Medicaid uncollectibles were from 1994 through 1998, before Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) EMS took over the county ambulance service. A total of \$216,846 is owed for ambulance service in those years. Of that county commissioners agreed to write off the \$90,448.30 for Medicaid and Medicare, leaving \$126,398 uncollected.

Assistant county manager Martha Guevara said after LCMC took over the EMS she billed the unpaid accounts without response. Now any unpaid billings are absorbed in the contract between the county and LCMC EMS, Guevara added.

But Martinez said the county should try to collect the debt, and use the money for road repairs or a salary. "I propose we go after some of these (debts), but this county doesn't seem to care," Martinez added. "We better get this together," Martinez said. "We'll have to hire staff for indigent care so we better collect this."

Guevara said the county could only collect the outstanding debt that is not covered by Medicare or Medicaid. County attorney Alan Morol said that once the commission writes off the debt it gives up the right to collect it.

Stewart agreed with Martinez, "I would love to go

with a collection agency for the \$126,000."

As Martinez continued to urge the county to turn the debt to a collection agency, county commissioner Ray Nunley called for a vote on writing off the Medicaid and Medicare debt. The motion passed 4-0 with Martinez abstaining. County commission chairman Rex Wilson then asked what process is needed for the county to obtain collection services. Stewart said he would research the procedure.

Dry Weather Forces Ruidoso Into Phase 2 Of Water Restrictions

Ruidoso is now in Phase 2 of the Water Contingency plan where outdoor watering is allowed only on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday in the evening hours of 5 p.m. to 10 a.m.

Phase 3 was called into action because of the "trigger" factors of water level in Alto Lake and Rio Ruidoso and the decreased production of water from the Eagle Creek wells. Demand for water has been higher than normal for this time of year, said Ruidoso village manager Alan Briley to the Ruidoso Village Councilors at their meeting November 30.

Under the Phase 2 anyone found violating the outdoor watering rules will be given a verbal warning first. On a second or subsequent violation a citation will be issued.

Briley said if the village gets no snow or moisture before January he will impose Phase 3 of the water plan that prohibits outdoor watering.



INSIDE THE CAPITOL

SANTA FE - This column recently commented that one of the downsides of having a prison in a community is that inmates occasionally escape and terrorize residents. Some folks in Santa Rosa are reported to be thinking about that possibility following the recent prison violence there.

It is a legitimate concern. Prison breaks aren't likely to happen but it has occurred twice during the 35 years we have lived in Santa Fe. I mentioned those breaks in a recent column and was challenged by the executive director of the Alamogordo Chamber of Commerce. In a letter to the New Mexico Business Weekly, which carried the column, the lady accused me of making up the story and telling "boldfaced lies."

The lies weren't boldfaced or bald-faced, unless she was talking about my picture rather than my writing - in which case she was being rather tacky. They weren't lies either. Most people who have been in Santa Fe over a dozen years have a prison break story. The last one was in July 1987 when several inmates fanned out across residential areas where there was plenty of ground cover.

Helicopters hovered overhead, sometimes so close people could go into their back yards and talk with those aboard. The reply was always the same, "Get back in your house." SWAT teams also scoured the areas. One of the convicts stole a pickup and headed to Flagstaff where he held a family hostage and committed mayhem.

The December 1979 escape was scarier for Santa Fe residents. The escapees were soon headed toward our neighborhood. Helicopters combed the arroyos around us and landed on the playground of the elementary school our children attended. We could hear them flying low over our house into the night. A prominent physician and his wife who lived nearby were held for more than a day and severely beaten. Twenty years later, when we hear a helicopter making a low pass, we instinctively check to see if all our doors are locked. Our children, who have since moved out of state say they never hear a helicopter that they don't think first of a prison break.

I didn't check the two dates I mentioned because the surrounding circumstances are still firmly etched in my mind. It would have done no good to check with the state

prison anyway. The person from Alamogordo did that information officer that the prisoner who escaped last May left the country and the only escape before that was by helicopter.

The daring helicopter escape was in 1988. State Policeman John Danko, who later became chief of the State Police, grabbed a speedy helicopter, caught up with them and forced their chopper down the south of Albuquerque. The pilot and passengers were captured immediately with no one getting hurt.

Somehow the prison information officer's records only went back to 1988. Institutional memory in such cases is brief since every governor brings in a new staff at the top. Information officers are always included in that group since it is their job to present the current administration's position to the public.

Following the 1987 Santa Fe prison break, residents surrounding the prison demanded improved notification procedures. They became aware of the break when the late newsmen Bob Barth broke the story on local radio. Promises were made to the nearby residents that they immediately would be notified by phone and by a siren about future escapes.

Similar commitments would be a good idea in all communities with prison facilities. Prisons in Santa Rosa, Hobbs and Estancia apparently have not been speedy about reporting riots this year. The riot in Estancia evidently was the cover for an escape attempt that almost succeeded.

Safety considerations also should be a consideration for any community trying to attract a prison facility. It might be a safe bet that Alamogordo is one of those communities.

Property Tax Collection Higher Than Last Year

Ruidoso Property Tax Bills Being Returned Because of New Addresses

Numerous property tax bills mailed to Ruidoso post office numbers have been returned to the Lincoln County Treasurer's Office because of the change in the postal system in Ruidoso.

"Property owners who have not received their tax bills should contact our office," said Lincoln County Treasurer Joan E. Park to the Lincoln County Commissioners at their regular meeting of November 18. Park said the returns from Ruidoso were due to the address changes from a post office box to a physical address.

Overall the rate of property tax collection is slightly above last year's rate, Park continued. She attributed this to the enclosed envelope and the listed distribution of taxes on the bill. Last year was the first time an envelope was enclosed, and the treasurer's office saw a "great increase in return

payments, many of those paid in full."

"We've gotten nothing but positive comments about the distribution (list) on the tax bill form," Park added. There have been a few questions, but most taxpayers are pleased to be able to see where the taxes are going.

Other positive changes this year are the larger payment coupons on the tax bill form and the minimum \$5 tax bill. There have been no negative comments about the minimum. "We got a thank you letter for the \$5 minimum tax bills," Park said. "The taxpayers appreciated not having to write a check for 29 cents."

As for the tax bill form, Park said she was pleased with the printing. "This is the second year we've had it done out of the county," Park said. Previously tax bills were done in the treasurer's office on a dot matrix printer, resulting in hard to read numbers. Aside from the easier to read form, the biggest benefit is the savings on the postage because the printer bar codes the addresses. The bar code saves money and enables the treasurer's office to mail the bills out quicker. "Last year we saved \$1,100 on postage," Park said. "And this year we're just above that."

If a property owner has not received a 1999 tax bill, the property owner should contact the Lincoln County Treasurer's Office at 648-2397 before December 10, to avoid delinquent payment penalties.

Santa Rita Parish Will Sponsor A Family Forum

Members of the Santa Rita Parish from Santa Rita in Carrizozo, Sacred Heart in Capitan and St. Theresa in Corona will meet in Carrizozo at Santa Rita Parish Sunday, Dec. 5, at 2 p.m. for a family forum. The public is invited. A potluck dinner will follow the family forum.

The purpose of the family forum is to look at what is needed to help families in the communities.

Santa To Visit Smokey Bear Historical Park

Christmas at the park will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, when Santa will arrive at the Smokey Bear Historical Park at 8:30 p.m. Please bring children to visit with Smokey Bear and Santa Claus.

A reception will be held to honor local legislators for their assistance in obtaining financial support from the state to upgrade the Smokey Bear Historical Park. Refreshments will be served.

ENMU-Ruidoso Registration Is Underway Now

Registration for the Spring semester at the Ruidoso Center of Eastern New Mexico University began December 1.

Students may register in person or by phone, fax, the internet, or mail. Scholarships are available for the Spring semester and application deadline is December 15.

Other types of financial aid are available. Academic advisors should be made as soon as possible. Classes begin Tuesday, January 18.

For more information contact the Ruidoso Center at 257-2120 or outside Ruidoso area, toll free 1-800-934-3668.

Lincoln County Residents Get Free Admission To Natural History Museum In Albuquerque In December

Residents of Lincoln County will get into the Natural History Museum in Albuquerque free during the month of December.

The free admission policy is part of the Museum's county recognition month to welcome and honor residents from around the state. Admission to the "Everest" film in the Dynamax Theater is by regular charge.

The Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day except Christmas and non-holiday Mondays in January and September.

Carrizozo Police To Participate In Santa Cops Program

Carrizozo Police Department will again participate in the annual Santa Cops program.

Applications to receive gifts from Santa Cops are available at the police department office at 408 Central Ave in Carrizozo. Eligible applicants include elderly as well as families with children.

The police department also is accepting donations of new games, toys, food or clothing, which will be distributed to applicants. Bring unwrapped articles to the police office.

Santa Cops will set up Santa's Workshop at Sierra Mall on Meschem Drive in Ruidoso. Donations can also be taken to the workshop where volunteers will wrap and sort for distribution. Santa Cops will also take donations of cash. For more information call Carrizozo Police Department at 648-2351.

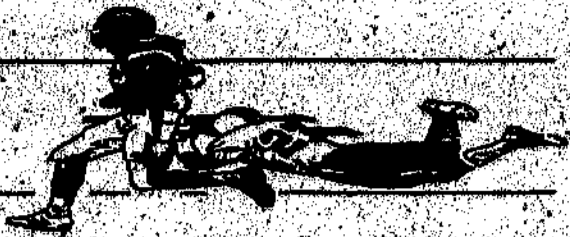
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Sports



Back to our regular schedule for the rest of the year, with Christmas and New Years falling on Saturdays this time around. Football season in the state winding down with just a couple of games left this Saturday.

In Class AAA St. Plus dropped surprising Piedra Vista (located in or around Farmington) by the score of 25 to 14 in one semi-final game, and Artesia had an easy time with Kirtland Central 42 to 14 in the other semi. Plus (11-1) and Artesia (9-3) will decide who's champ this Saturday at Artesia. Should be a good game but Artesia should repeat.

In Class AAAA Roswell Goddard edged Albuquerque Valley 32 to 28, and undefeated Las Cruces HS beat up on Roswell 36 to 6. That sets up the championship game between Las Cruces (13-0) and Goddard (10-2). Cruces proved their unblemished record is no fluke by beating Roswell last week, so I go with the Cruces team — being that the game will be in Cruces.

four point lead late in the game before the local team battled back in the last two minutes of the game, and ended up winning by four.

The boys followed the same script as the girls, but they were unable to withstand the Mesilla second half rally that saw the visiting team turn an 11 point deficit into a seven point win. Brandon Langley had a nice game battling the bigger Mesilla boys on the backboards and ended up with 13 points; Josh Vega swished five 3-pointers on the night and ended up with 18 points for the Grizzlies, but had trouble getting off many shots after Mesilla started to double and triple team him when he had the ball.

Boys next action will be this weekend (Thursday, Friday and Saturday) when they travel to Hondo and participate in the Eagle's tournament. Next home game won't be until after the Christmas and New Year's holidays, January 11, when Capitan comes to town.

Varsity girls travel to Mesilla Friday for a 5:30 p.m. game, and travel to NMMI in Roswell on Saturday for a 1:00 p.m. game. Next will be the Hondo Tournament on January 9th.

throughout the schedule. Should be fun!!! This is the way we see it.

THIS WEEK'S PICKS (In Bold Type)

- * **Pittsburg at Jacksonville.** Cower finally giving up on Cordell (about time), at least for this week — Tomozak will start Sunday doesn't matter, Jags should romp. Cower might be in trouble for sticking with Stewart too long and nobody in sight to take his place.
- * **Green Bay at Chicago.** Have to believe that Packers and Favre are finally on a roll. A win over Bears and they're right back in the thick of things. Betting against home team on this one. Bear QB situation a bit shakey.
- * **Indianapolis at Miami.** Picked against young Colts last week, figuring they have to lose one soon and they won, so I'll pick against them again. Dolphins embarrassed by Dallas last week. Jimmy Johnson will play it close to the vest and steal one at home this week.
- * **New Orleans at Atlanta.** Saints cost me one last week so I'll just get even with the Falcons this week. A healthy Chandler should be able to beat all the Billy Joe's Ditka can recycle by Sunday. Go with home team.
- * **NY Jets at NY Giants.** Jets just can't score no matter what Parcells tries. Giants coming off a tough loss against Cards, but they did score 24 points. Giants win this one by the score of 10-7.
- * **St. Louis at Carolina.** Taking a chance on this one (Rams are for real), but have to lose at least one more this season — Panthers will keep it on the ground with Biakabutuka and keep the speedy Ram offense on the sidelines. Go with home team for the 'Upset of the Week'.
- * **San Francisco at Cincinnati.** Leave it to the Bengals and Coslett to blow

Didn't have a very good week on our picks last week (compared to last week), but it wasn't that bad either... as we went 9-7 and improved our season tally to 93 and 61. Thought we might end up better than the 9-7 mark but didn't count on Bengals beating Steelers or Raider's kicker blowing a winning kick, or Arizona putting up 34 points on the Giants... plus it was dumb to pick Ditka and Saints over the still surprising Rams. This week (week 13) kicks off with a Thursday game between Steelers and Jacksonville. Guess who I'll be picking on this one!!! The rest of the schedule on Sunday should really test anyone's picks — tough, tough games and good matchups

their chance at the No. 1 pick in the draft if they win this one. These guys can't win at anything! 49'er gray beards should muster enough to win this one... if not Frisco will be one young team next year!!

- * **Tennessee at Baltimore.** 'No names' gave Jacksonville all they wanted last week, but still lost. No way they can put up that many points with Banks two weeks in a row. Titans trying to catch Jags in AFC Central.
- * **Washington at Detroit.** Lions very, very tough at home and Washington about to go into nose dive (too much pressure on both coaching staff and players) from owner will force Redskins into rash of mistakes in this one. Go with home team.
- * **Philadelphia at Arizona.** Plummer back in action for Cardinals and Arizona ready to make it's patented late season rally, but don't think they can go undefeated rest of the way. Eagles no match for Cards in Tempe.
- * **Cleveland at San Diego.** Strictly a home team pick on this one. Won't be surprised if Browns can beat Chargers. Seau and San Diego defense should be too much for young Couch. Stick with home team!
- * **Kansas City at Denver.** Chiefs stole one at Oakland last week (in good weather). It'll be at least 40 to 50 degrees difference at Mile High. We'll go with cold weather team that will be well rested after a week off. Home team takes it!
- * **Seattle at Oakland.** Raiders blew their chance last week (or their kicker did), and fell below .500 and they can kiss their season goodbye. Seattle will regroup after being dominated by Tampa Bay defense. Raiders will do their yearly thing after this one... start looking for another quarterback.
- * **Dallas at New England.** Dallas has to win this one to keep pressure on Redskins. Most everybody should be healthy enough to steal one in cold weather from stumbling Pats. One of these teams can forget it after this week. If Cowboys can keep Glenn under 100 yards they can win this one.

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MONDAY NIGHT GAME:

* Minnesota at Tampa Bay. Don't care if Bucs beat Seattle last week. New kid QB will not fare any better than Dilfer against Vikes and Tampa defense will give some points up to George and his big receivers. Best game of the week. We'll pick offense over defense in this one. Have a good week!!

Community Orchestra Concert December 5

The ENMU-Ruidoso Community Orchestra will perform its fall concert at 7 p.m. Sunday, December 5 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount, located at 121 Mesalero Trail in Ruidoso.

Conductor Ugo DiDio has arranged especially for this concert three Bach preludes for organ and orchestra. The musical program will include Schumann, Beethoven, contemporary composer P. Creston and a special musical/narrative performance of "The Cat and the Fiddle."

Admission is free. For more information call Sharon Stewart at 267-6984 or the ENMU office at 267-2120 or toll free 1-800-934-8608.

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said. "The undeniable fact is that the War on Drugs is the cause of our drug nightmare, not the solution to it."

Seno challenged "just one" commissioner or elected official to break away from the herd and take a realistic stand on the issue. He then asked Nunley in the healing profession, Simpson the symbol of rugged individualism who loves freedom and liberty, Schwetzmann who likes black and white facts, and Lincoln County Sheriff Tom Sullivan why they would support a program that imprisons minorities and jails people because we are "mad at them" not because they have hurt anyone. "The bottom line is what message is this we give to our kids?" Seno asked about current drug education. "The right message to give is to have some compassion even if they make some bad choices."

Ruch then spoke, quoting statistics given at one of the governor's drug forums held in Albuquerque. She also told of her own personal involvement with the drug war after her friend Valerie Hubbard McAdams was arrested and imprisoned for two years for growing marijuana at her home. "She is the most gentle and spiritual person I know," Ruch said.

"When the federal judge sentenced her, I got involved," Ruch continued. "He said 'I see 20 like you every day in jail.'"

"Our drug policies are askew," she said. Ruch then quoted statistics that 1.8 million people are in prison in the United States, 2.4 million children have one or more parents in prison. The drug war that cost \$1.6 million in 1992, \$13.25 billion in 1995, cost \$17.1 billion in 1998. About half of students admit to having tried marijuana at least once before graduation from high school.

Last year there were more jails than schools in the U.S., Ruch continued. "This is a war on minorities and the poor," Ruch said.

As for the dangers of drugs, the number of deaths due to all illegal drugs is

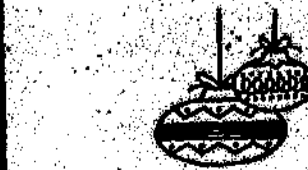
Forest Service Christmas Tree Program Starts

Lincoln National Forest has simplified the process for the public to buy and cut Christmas trees in the forest this year.

According to a release from the Lincoln National Forest, for \$5 a person can cut any type of tree, just about anywhere on the Smokey Bear, Sacramento or Guadalupe Ranger Districts. No cutting is allowed on private land within the forests or in wilderness areas.

From November 1 to December 24, permits may be purchased at all Lincoln National Forest Offices from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays. In addition, permits can be purchased during the week or on weekends at the chamber of commerce offices in Alamogordo, Ruidoso, Roswell, and Cloudercroft, and Chamizal National Monument in El Paso. Queen Store near Carlsbad, and the Roswell convention and Visitor's Bureau.

Maps and specific instructions are provided with each permit. Visitors are urged to call ahead for travel and weather conditions on the forest, as no refunds will be given once a permit is issued.



about 6,000. About 100,000 deaths a year are attributed to prescription drugs, 150,000 deaths from alcohol abuse, 450,000 from tobacco. About 77 percent of all illegal drug use is of marijuana, yet not one death has been proven to be caused by hemp use.

Another issue raised at the forum is the doubling of the state's female prison population last year, with 88 percent of the women imprisoned for nonviolent drug offenses. Of that group 76 percent are parents. "Children with one or more parents in jail are eight times more likely to go to jail themselves," Ruch added.

Other information Ruch provided was the Gallup Poll that found 73 percent of those polled across the U.S. support the legalization of marijuana for medical uses, and 60 percent support total legalization of marijuana.

Despite the new "harm reduction" strategy for drug education, the drug war continues in its current criminalized form. "There are so many with vested interests who want to keep the War on Drugs going," Ruch said. Those include prisons, law enforcement, courts, lawyers to drug lords.

Ruch challenged commissioners to take the "Libertarian" approach to the drug war. "We need to educate people that prisons are for people we are afraid of, not for those whose lifestyles we disagree with."

Citizen Wes Owen asked how anyone could disagree with airing the drug issue. Owen said if the county took the right approach about enforcing drug laws, the county would not need (more space) in a new jail.

Duane Williams agreed with Gov. Johnson's attempt to establish a dialogue. "We need to renegotiate the contract with the American people," he added. Williams said the only way to get rid of drugs is to use Singapore as a model where drug users face the death penalty. "I suspect the United State would not sign up with that." Instead he encouraged the

Capitan School Board To Discuss Drug Testing Policy

Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, December 9 in the board conference room of the administration office.

The first reading of the draft Drug Testing policy will be held at the meeting. The public is invited to make comment about the proposed policy during the meeting and during the time until the January board meeting, Capitan School Superintendent Diana Billingsley told THE NEWS. The board will hold a second reading of the policy at the January 13 meeting.

Copies of the proposed policy will be available at the meeting on December 8. The committee appointed to review and help draft a drug test policy will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, December 8, at the high school.

Other items on the December 9 meeting agenda are changes to the middle school students handbook concerning the wearing of shorts, transportation policies for discipline on buses, transport of students with disabilities and medication on buses, enrollment analysis, personnel, review of board policy concerning policies and procedures and Elementary Speech Contest awards to be presented by elementary principal Dick Clevenger.

dialogues.

Citizen Cherry spoke of her experiences as a "victim of the Drug War." Her house searched on a warrant based on exaggerated claims of a "confidential informant," Cherry said she was lucky, because she knew the district attorney and the judge. She also knew some of her rights, such as questioning whether her three small marijuana plants seized in the "raid" of her house were pulled from the dirt, stripped and weighed to be used as evidence against her.

Cherry reminded commissioners that the purpose of the "confidential" fund, which they fiscally oversee, is for the drug task force to buy drugs to use as bait to catch other drug users. Cherry also said the county would have less need for a large detention center if drug laws are reformed laws.

Seno took his challenge one step further and asked for disbandment of the multi-jurisdictional drug task force, whose officers should be put to work on real crimes. "Supporting the Drug War is like buying a

new whip for a dead horse," Seno concluded.

During discussion Schwetzmann said he was not in favor of the Governor Johnson's forums on legalizing drugs.

Capitan To Hold Public Hearing On December 8

Capitan Village Trustees will hold a public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 8 to take input on an ordinance that will amend the village criminal code on prohibiting marijuana possession and will add a section to make it unlawful to possess, manufacture or deliver drug paraphernalia. Trustees will consider adoption of the sections at the regular trustees meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, December 13.

Copies of the propose additions and changes to the criminal code are available for viewing at village hall during regular working hours.

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 Thank you . . . to all our friends and customers!!

MEMBER F.D.I.C.

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 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345

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- * Chicken Fried Steak
- * Roast Beef
- * Mashed or Baked Potato
- * Pinto Beans
- * Cottage Cheese
- * Veggie of the Day

DESSERT, COFFEE or TEA

**** Dinner Specials ****
 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

| | | |
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| MONDAY | Fried Chicken | \$6.75 |
| TUESDAY | Chicken Fried Steak | \$6.75 |
| WEDNESDAY | Two Enchilada Dinners | \$9.00 |
| THURSDAY | All You Can Eat Shrimp | \$8.50 |
| FRIDAY | All You Can Eat Catfish | \$9.25 |
| SATURDAY | 8-OZ. Rib-Eye Steak | \$8.75 |

Visit Our New **Sanzia Gallery & Gift Shop**
 Located in Smokey Bear Restaurant

CORONA NEWS

Corona del Rey Aglow is having their annual Christmas tea on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 2 p.m. till 4 p.m. This year they will be honoring the widows of Corona, but everyone is invited to honor the presence of Jesus Christ, our King, and your life of service to the community.

The Corona Holiday Festival was held Nov. 20 in the Corona School Auditorium, sponsored by the Corona PTO. There were craft booths, some of the booths were hand carved jewelry by Bob Burton, fire cone arrangements made by the Corona Zia Senior Center, Shelly Frost with Creative Memories, Sam Seely with hand braided items, Carol Chen with Knas items, and the Bectchels with hand beaded items.

The Corona FFA sponsored Christmas trees decorated, there was a silent auction on three trees. The trees were bought by Don Bechtel, Rogene and Sandra Alford, and the Corona School Board.

The Corona High School classes each sponsored a booth, among which were a cake walk, pie throwing at the staff, which stayed very busy all night

long. The elementary sponsored a fishing pond for the smaller children. The Corona PTO furnished the food booth, hamburgers, hot-dogs, chili french fries and other goodies were served.

Each class had candidates for Snow King and Queen. Candidates were juniors Della Gonzales and Manuel Noriega; sophomores Dal Frost and Dominica Fernandez; freshmen Chauncy Jinks and Tara Seely; 5th graders Randy Finley and Aleahia Winchester; 7th graders Michael Finley and Tabatha Winchester. Winners were Dal Frost and Dominica Fernandez.

A costume contest was also held with each class representing a holiday and the winner was awarded \$20 from the Corona PTO. Winners were the junior class of Della Gonzales and Manuel Noriega representing New Years Eve. There was a good crowd and the Corona PTO plans on making this an annual event. President of Corona PTO, Kayla Lueras, organized the event, and did a great job!

Bill and Johnny Fay Harelson went to Roswell for Thanksgiving with Peggy and Jonathan Harelson. They returned late Friday and then went to Los Alamos on Sunday to visit relatives and friends. Among those visited were Donald and Lesley Harelson, Lucille McCleskey, Tony and Ruth Biebel, Flo and Dean Maret, Tuffy and Gin Harelson, and Mrs. Carr in Santa Fe.

Byron and Cathy Yancey had guests for Thanksgiving, daughter Crystal and husband Charlie. Lueras from Roswell. Also joining them were grandson Russell and wife Christi and three month old baby daughter from Ft. Sill, OK. Mrs. Bernice McCord also joined them for dinner. Crystal will be keeping her new granddaughter in Roswell for a week, and Byron and Cathy will be helping out.

Guests of Dorothy Lightfoot for Thanksgiving were Richard Lightfoot

from Albuquerque, Cody and Shannon Lightfoot from Roswell, Wayne, Karen and Tommie from Animas, NM.

Johnnie Erramouspe, Joseph, Roxanne, and Hallegh Erramouspe, Sherry and Rachel Lueras went to Logan for Thanksgiving with Todd, Jeannie, Amanda and Alessia Tatum.

The Ken Fullers had a nice gathering for Thanksgiving. Harold and Pat Fuller from Churchfalls, VA were here along with Steve, Kelly Brewer and boys from Albuquerque. Also Fenner and Betty Jones from Albuquerque. Mary Frances is doing well

after surgery two weeks ago.

Ellis Hodge is reported doing quite well after surgery in Roswell.

There has been a lot of talk in town about the deer seen in and about. The Corona Zia Senior Center reports that the deer also enjoyed Thanksgiving dinner. Their pumpkins and Indian corn were eaten by the deer during the holiday.

Theresa Barajas made a trip to Taos for Thanksgiving with her son Anthony and family. Her daughter Corrine White from Roswell was down last week visiting.

Old Lincoln Town

There was an error in the date for the photography club party. It is December 18, not the 13th. Another error that appeared as snacks and gifts at their meeting at Hershey's. I had it as snacks and drinks. Should have had it as refreshments.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Lincoln people did a lot of traveling or had their families home for the holiday. Some went as far as Tucson, Phoenix, others to Roswell, Hobbs and Ruidoso, and some just stayed home.

After a few days of cool weather it turned to almost summer-like over the weekend. Tourists were enjoying the beautiful weather and visiting our historic town.

The tourists were reporting unusually warm weather nationwide. A lady from Mineral Wells said her bluebonnets were coming up.

The reception for the Ruidoso "Hall of Fame" inductees was well attended. It was nice to see so many old friends and exchange stories with each other. We did goof and not get a group picture. I thought of it on our way home.

Ralph and I would like to thank the good people of Lincoln County who worked with us through the years, who helped make this honor possible. You all have been great to work with, so here is a "Big Thank You", Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunlap of Wilcox, AZ were among those who attended.

Ruidoso Volunteers Will Be Honored With Open House Dec. 3

Volunteers of the Ruidoso RSVP program will be honored with an open house from 2-4 p.m. Friday, December 3 at the Ruidoso Senior Center.



Annual Ruidoso Christmas Tree Lighting Tonight

The public is invited to the annual lighting of the Ruidoso Christmas tree at 6:15 p.m. today (Thursday), December 2, at School House Park (between the swimming pool and tennis courts). Santa will be there and sleigh rides will be given.

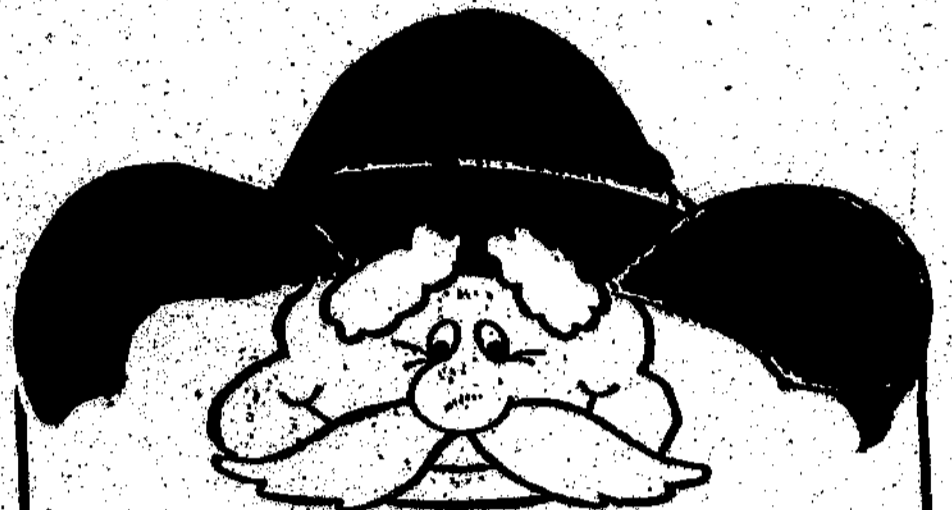
OBITUARY

EDITH L. IMOGE go to college at Eastern New Mexico.

Funeral services for Edith L. Imoge, 82, of Ruidoso were November 23, at LaGrone Funeral Chapel with Rev. Cathy Caudle officiating. Graveside services were at the Portales Cemetery in Portales, NM with Rev. Dick Ross officiating.

Edith died November 18 in Ruidoso. She was born June 2, 1917 at Oak Bluff, TX. She grew up in Ancho then moved to Portales to

She is survived by her husband, Aubrey of Ruidoso; two daughters, Sunnys Lynn Conaway and Sharon Lea White both of Aurora, CO; four brothers, Virgil hall of Capitan, Leonard hall and Wallace Hall, both of Sydney, MT, and Donald Hall of Trotters, ND; two sisters, Mary Louise Joiner of Hondo, and Martha Lou Hall of Sydney; eight grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.



**Carrizozo Woman's Club
Holiday Hoedown
Saturday, Dec. 4, 1999
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Arts, Crafts, Bake Sale, and More!
GREEN CHILE or BEEF STEW DINNER
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. / \$5.00 per plate
DOOR PRIZES EVERY HOUR
**Old Fashioned Christmas Wassail
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2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT DATE

Lincoln County Treasurer reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their first half property taxes by Dec. 10, 1999 to avoid penalties and interest.

ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-83,

TIMELINESS - B. ALL ACTS REQUIRED

OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY

MAIL ARE TIMELY IF POSTMARKED

ON THE REQUIRED DATE.

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your payments MUST be postmarked Dec. 10, 1999.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979).

PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent, shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid, (Statute 7-38-50).

By NM State Law, property taxes are the personal obligation of the property owner, whether or not the tax bill was received. Mail payment or contact us at the address and phone number listed below should you have questions regarding your property tax bills.

Thank you.
Joan E. Park
Lincoln County Treasurer
P.O. Box 709, Carrizozo, NM 88901
648-2897 or 648-2525

Church Directory



The Word of Life Church
REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2930
711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM
Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church
Sunday.....7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Churches
TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 D. Ave., 648-2893/648-2840
Sunday School (All Ages)..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:10 am
Choir Practice (Wednesday)..... 6:30 pm
United Methodist Women Every
3rd Wednesday..... 1:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner 4th Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
---CAPTAN---
Adult Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Worship Service..... 9:30 am
Children's Sunday School..... 9:30 am
Fellowship Time..... 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School..... 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday)..... 11:00 am
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday
Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group)
1st and 3rd Tuesday..... 9:30 a.m.

**Mountain Ministry Parish,
Sierra Blanca Presbyterian**

Nogal Presbyterian Church:
BILL SEBRING, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:
SCOTT KING, pastor / 648-2024

Worship..... 9:00 a.m.
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Corona Presbyterian Church:
Sunday School..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship..... 11:00 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, pastor (interdenominational)
514 Smokey Bear Blvd./Capitan
Preparation Prayer..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship..... 9:00 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE BARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln / 636-4027
Sunday Bible Study..... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church:

Phone 354-2044
Capitan (South on Highway 48) 354-3110
Sunday School..... 9:30 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday..... 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church

BILL JONES, pastor
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Church Services..... 11:00 am

**Spirit of Life Apostolic
Pentecostal Tabernacle**

ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave. Capitan, NM
354-2025
Tuesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Sunday Evening..... 6:00 pm

First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2968 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School..... 9:45 am
Worship Service..... 10:55 am
Sun. Evening..... Training at 8:15 pm
Evening Worship..... 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Thirteenth, 648-2168
Children's Church..... 10:30 am
Worship Service..... 10:30 am
Wed. Bible Study..... 7:30 pm

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, pastor
213 Birch Carrizozo, NM, 648-2653
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 6:00 pm
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 6:30 pm

SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart..... 6:30 am
Carrizozo Santa Rita..... 10:30 am
Corona St. Theresa..... 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM,
Sunday School..... 10:00 am
Worship Service..... 11:00 am
Evening Worship..... 11:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study..... 7:00 pm

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Corner of E. Ave. & Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-905-287-9355
Holy Eucharist..... 9:30 am Sunday

Sands RV Park & Motel

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Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

Rainbow Inn

RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF SPECIAL SCHOOL BOND ELECTION AND PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20 (herein the "Board" and the "District," respectively), in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Special School Bond Election and Capital Improvements Tax Election, (herein, the "Election") be held on February 1, 2000, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the District has determined upon its own initiative to submit to a vote at said Election, the question of the issuance of its general obligation bonds in the maximum amount and for the purpose hereinafter specified, as permitted by Section 22-18-2B NMSA 1978, and the Bond Election Act; and

WHEREAS, neither the bond question herein submitted nor any other bond question has been defeated by the voters of the District at a bond election held within a period of two years from the date of the Election hereinafter set forth;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, the Board has determined, and does hereby determine, that there should be submitted to the electorates at said Election, the question of whether or not a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code should be imposed for the property tax years of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE HONDO VALLEY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20, CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 1st day of February, 2000, there will be held in the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a special school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of creating a debt by the issuing of general obligation bonds and for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of whether or not a property tax should be imposed for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

Section 2. The Voting Districts for this Election shall be as follows:

| Voting District | Election Precinct | Polling Place |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| 1 | 3, 12A, 12B & 12C | Hondo Valley School Gym Lobby Hondo, New Mexico |

In addition, there will be an Absentee Voter District established, as described in Section 7 herein.

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 4. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the District, in one series or more, in the aggregate principal amount of not exceeding \$300,000 for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, making additions to and furnishing school buildings and purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms or any combination of these purposes, said bonds to be payable from general (ad valorem) taxes and to be issued and sold at such time or times upon such terms and conditions as the Board may determine?"

At such Election, the following question shall also be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Hondo Valley Public School District No. 20, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

Section 5. The tax contemplated by the capital improvements tax question shall be in addition to the tax contemplated by the bond question and to any tax imposed to pay debt service on the bonds or for any other purpose. Such capital improvements tax shall be authorized pursuant to the Public School Capital Improvements Act, i.e., Sections 22-25-1 through 22-25-10 NMSA 1978 (being Chapter 5, Laws of the New Mexico, 1975, Special Session, as amended and supplemented).

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m., on January 4, 2000, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Lincoln (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln County) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978, or at any state agency providing public assistance or services to people with disabilities pursuant to Section 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by Section 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., January 7, 2000, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 28, 2000, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 8. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of November, 1999.

/s/ BRAULIO ALVARADO
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)
Attest:
/s/ LUCINDA LOVELESS
Secretary, Board of Education

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RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE ELECCION ESPECIAL DE BONOS ESCOLARES Y ELECCION CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Publico Numero 20 del Valle de Hondo (en esta, la "Junta" y el "Distrito", respectivamente), en el Condado de Lincoln, y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara cabo una Eleccion Especial de Bonos Escolares y Eleccion Con el Fin de Aprobar Impuestos Para Mejoras Materiales (en esta, la "Eleccion") el 1 de febrero 2000, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta del Distrito ha determinado, por iniciativa propia, someter a votacion en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion de la emision de bonos de obligacion general de suma maxima y para los fines que mas adelante se especifican, segun lo permite la Seccion 22-18-2B NMSA 1978, y la Ley de Elecciones de Bonos; y

CONSIDERANDO QUE, ni la cuestion relacionada con los bonos que aqui se somete a votacion ni cualquier otra cuestion igual de bonos ha sido derrotada por los votantes del Distrito en una eleccion de bonos convocada dentro de un periodo de dos años antes de la Eleccion que mas adelante se especifica;

CONSIDERANDO QUE, conforme a la Seccion 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, la Junta ha determinado, y por medio de esto determina, que se debe presentar a los votantes en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion si se debe imponer o no un impuesto de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable sobre la propiedad asignada al Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables de propiedad 2000, 2001, 2002 y 2003, con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

AHOR, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR PUBLICO NUMERO 20 DEL VALLE DE HONDO, EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE LINCOLN Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Seccion 1. El 1 de febrero de 2000 se llevara a cabo una eleccion especial en el Distrito Escolar Publico Numero 20 del Valle de Hondo, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se puede crear una deuda con la emision de bonos de obligacion general y con el fin de

someterlas a los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se debiera imponer o no un impuesto para las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.
Seccion 2. Los Precintos para la votacion para esta eleccion son los siguientes:

| Distrito Electoral | Precinto de la Eleccion | Sito de Votacion |
|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | 3, 12A, 12B y 12C | La Sala de Gimnasio de Hondo Valley School Hondo, Nuevo Mexico |

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 7 mas adelante.

Seccion 3. Los Centros para Votar en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

Seccion 4. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y esten habilitados:

QUESTION DE BONOS DE OBLIGACION GENERAL

"¿Se le concedera la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Publico Numero 20 del Valle de Hondo, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico a fin de que emita Bonos de una serie o mas de obligacion general del Distrito, en la suma agregada principal que no exceda de los \$300,000 con el fin de construir, remodelar, agregar anexos y amueblar y comprar o mejorar terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas una combinacion de estos propositos, los dichos bonos se pagaran con los fondos derivados de los impuestos generales (ad valorem) y se emittiran y se venderan en tal fecha e en tal fecha y conforme a los terminos y condiciones que la Junta determine?"

En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y esten habilitados:

QUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

"¿Se le debora otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Publico Numero 20 del Valle de Hondo, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada a dicho Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables 2000, 2001, 2002 y 2003 con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito: er, construir, remodelar, añadir a, proveer equipo para y amueblar los edificios escolares; comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas mantener los edificios y los terrenos escolares publicos excluyendo las sumas gastado en los salarios de los empleados del Distrito; y la compra de volientes de actividades para transportar estudiantes a las actividades escolares extracurriculares?"

Seccion 5. El impuesto que contempla la cuestion del impuesto para las mejoras materiales se agregara al impuesto que contempla la cuestion sobre los bonos y se agregara tambien a cualquier impuesto que se imponga para pagar el servicio de la deuda de los bonos o para cualquier otro fin. Dichos impuestos para pagar las mejoras materiales seran autorizados conforme a la Ley de Mejoras Materiales de las Escuelas Publicas, es decir, las Secciones 22-25-1 a 22-25-10, NMSA 1978 (siendo Capitulo 5, Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, 1975, Sesion Especial, segun fueron enmendadas y suplementadas).

Seccion 6. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no este registrado ahora y que desea votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 4 de enero de 2000, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el (la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln (quienes pueden incluir los (las) escribanos (as) municipales de todas las municipalidades del condado de Lincoln) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun lo permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA 1978 o en cualquier agencia que provee subsidio a servicios publicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Seccion 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 7. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA, 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m., el 7 de enero de 2000, fecha que cae 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m., el 28 de enero de 2000 que es el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente a la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 8. La votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 16 de noviembre de 1999.

/s/ BRAULIO ALVARADO
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

(SELLO)
Day For:
/s/ LUCINDA LOVELESS
Secretaria(o), Junta de Educacion

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RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX ELECTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28 (herein the "Board" and the "District," respectively), in the County of Lincoln and State of New Mexico, has determined that a Special Capital Improvements Tax Election, (herein, the "Election") be held on February 1, 2000, pursuant to Sections 1-22-1 through 1-22-19, NMSA 1978; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, the Board has determined, and does hereby determine, that there should be submitted to the electorates at said Election, the question of whether or not a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of property allocated to the District under the Property Tax Code should be imposed for the property tax years of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003, for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE CAPITAN MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28, CONSTITUTING THE GOVERNING BODY OF SAID DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN AND STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

Section 1. On the 1st day of February, 2000, there will be held in the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28, Lincoln County, New Mexico, a special school district election for the purpose of submitting to the qualified electors of the District the question of whether or not a property tax should be imposed for the purpose of capital improvements in the District.

Section 2. The Voting Districts for this Election shall be as follows:

| Voting District | Election Precinct | Polling Place |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 1 | 3 and 5 and portions 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 7, 10 and 12 C within the District | Lincoln County Fair Building Capitan, New Mexico |

In addition, there will be an Absentee Voter District established, as described in Section 7 herein.

Section 3. The polls for said Election will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Election.

Section 4. At such Election, the following question shall be submitted to such qualified, registered electors of the District:

PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS TAX QUESTION

"Shall the Board of Education of the Capitan Municipal School District No. 28, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, be authorized to impose a property tax of \$2.00 per each \$1,000.00 of net taxable value of the property allocated to such District under the Property Tax Code for the property tax years of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 for the purpose of the following capital improvements in the District, i.e., erecting, remodeling, making additions to, providing equipment for and furnishing school buildings, purchasing or improving school grounds and purchasing computer software and hardware for student use in public school classrooms; maintenance of public school buildings and public school grounds exclusive of salary expenses of employees of the District; and purchasing activity vehicles for transporting students to extracurricular school activities?"

Section 5. The tax contemplated by the capital improvements tax question shall be in addition to the tax contemplated by the bond question and to any tax imposed to pay debt service on the bonds or for any other purpose. Such capital improvements tax shall

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed Bids (or Bid Proposals) for the Capitan High School Furnace Replacement (Project) will be received by Capitan Municipal Board of Education (Owner) Capitan, New Mexico, until December 16, 1999 2:00 P.M. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be opened publicly, read aloud at 8:00 Opening. All Bids must comply with the Instructions to Bidders.

In accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing the sum of \$25.00 for each set of documents at Albuquerque Reprographics, 4716 McLeod, NE, Albuquerque, NM (505) 884-0882 or at the Capitan Municipal School District Administration Office. Any questions in regard to these documents may be directed to the Architect, Jay G. Davis at Gregory T. Hicks & Associates, P.C., (505) 243-7492. Any bona fide bidder upon returning the documents in good condition within ten (10) days following the bid opening, will be returned that deposit.

The Contract Documents may be examined at the Offices below:

- Construction Reporter
1609 Second, NW
Albuquerque, NM
(505) 243-9793
- Builder's News
3455 Princeton, NE
Albuquerque, NM
(505) 884-1752
- F.W. Dodge Co.
1615 University Blvd., NE
Albuquerque, NM
(505) 243-2817
- F.W. Dodge Co.
7500 Viscount, Suite C40
El Paso, TX 79925
(915) 778-5097

Bid security in the amount of five percent (5%) of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

The Bidder's attention is directed to the Requirements of the Contract Documents for adherence to applicable federal, state and local statutes, regulations and ordinances, payment of minimum wages and payment of taxes.

There will be a pre-bid meeting and walk-thru on December 9, 1999 at 10:00 AM at the conference room of Capitan Municipal Schools Administration Building. All Prime Contractors are encouraged to be there.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for two members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District; must be domiciled and registered to vote within Lincoln County.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 14, 1999.

MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager

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be authorized pursuant to the Public School Capital Improvements Act, i.e., Section 22-25-1 through 22-25-10 NMSA 1978 (being Chapter 6, Laws of the New Mexico, 1975, Special Session, as amended and supplemented).

Section 6. A person is a qualified elector of the District if he or she is a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age on the day of the Election and a resident of the District on the day of the Election. In order to vote, qualified electors of the District must have previously registered with the County Clerk of Lincoln County, in accordance with law. Any qualified elector of the District who is not now registered and who wishes to vote at such Election should register during regular office hours prior to 5:00 p.m., on January 4, 2000, being the twenty-eighth day immediately preceding the Election at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, or at the office of any deputy registration officer appointed by the County Clerk of Lincoln County (which may include the municipal clerks of all municipalities in Lincoln County) or a motor vehicle deputy registration officer as provided in Section 1-4-47, NMSA 1978, or at any state agency providing public assistance or services to people with disabilities pursuant to Section 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Section 7. Absentee voting will be permitted in the manner authorized by 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA 1978; provided, however, that pursuant to Section 1-22-19, NMSA 1978, qualified electors may also vote absentee in person at the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, during the regular hours and days of business from 8:00 a.m., January 7, 2000, being the twenty-fifth day preceding the Election, until 5:00 p.m., January 28, 2000, being the Friday immediately prior to the Election.

Section 8. Voting shall be by voting machine, except for absentee voting which shall be by paper ballot. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for each Voting District.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of November, 1999.

By: **TOM TROST**
President, Board of Education

(SEAL)

Attest:
By: **JAMES HOBBS**
Secretary, Board of Education

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RESOLUCION Y PROCLAMACION DE UNA ELECCION ESPECIAL CON EL FIN DE APROBAR IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES

CONSIDERANDO QUE, la Junta de Educacion del Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 28 de Capitan (en esta, "Junta" y "Distrito", respectivamente), en el Condado de Lincoln, y el Estado de Nuevo Mexico, ha determinado que se llevara a cabo una Eleccion Especial con el fin de aprobar impuestos para mejoras materiales (en esta, "Eleccion") el 1 de febrero 2000, conforme a las Secciones 1-22-1 a 1-22-19 NMSA, 1978; y CONSIDERANDO QUE, conforme a la Seccion 22-25-3, NMSA 1978, la Junta ha determinado, y por medio de este determina, que se debe presentar a los votantes en dicha Eleccion, la cuestion si se debe imponer o no un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable sobre la propiedad asignada al Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables de propiedad 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

AHORA, POR LO TANTO, LA JUNTA DE EDUCACION DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR MUNICIPAL NUM. 28 DE CAPITAN, EL CUAL CONSTITUYE EL CUERPO GOBERNANTE DE DICHO DISTRITO, EN EL CONDADO DE LINCOLN Y ESTADO DE NUEVO MEXICO RESUELVE:

Seccion 1. El 1 de febrero de 2000 se llevara a cabo una eleccion especial en el Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 28 de Capitan, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico con el fin de presentarle a todos los votantes habilitados del Distrito la cuestion si se deberia imponer o no un impuesto para las mejoras materiales en el Distrito.

Seccion 2. Los Precintos para la votacion para esta eleccion son los siguientes:

| Distrito Electoral | Eleccion Num. del Precinto | Sitios De Votacion |
|--------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 5 y 6 y partes de 1, 2A, 2B, 4, 6, 7, 10 y 12 C dentro del Distrito | Lincoln County Fair Building Capitan, Nuevo Mexico |

Ademas habra un Distrito para Votantes en Ausencia segun se expresa en la Seccion 7 mas adelante.

Seccion 3. Los Sitos de Votacion en dicha Eleccion permaneceran abiertos entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m. el dia de la Eleccion.

Seccion 4. En dicha Eleccion, la siguiente cuestion sera sometida a la consideracion de dichos votantes del Distrito que se hayan inscrito y esten habilitados:

QUESTION SOBRE IMPUESTOS PARA MEJORAS MATERIALES DE LAS ESCUELAS PUBLICAS

"Se le debera otorgar la autorizacion a la Junta Escolar del Distrito Escolar Municipal Num. 28 de Capitan, Condado de Lincoln, Estado de Nuevo Mexico para que imponga un impuesto de propiedad de \$2.00 por cada \$1,000.00 de valor neto tributable de la propiedad asignada a dicho Distrito conforme alCodigo de Impuestos Sobre la Propiedad para los años tributables 2000, 2001, 2002 y 2003 con el fin de hacer las mejoras materiales siguientes en el Distrito, es decir, construir, remodelar, ampliar, a, proveer equipo para y amueblar los edificios escolares, comprar o mejorar los terrenos escolares y comprar programas y equipo de computadora para el uso estudiantil en las aulas escolares publicas, el mantenimiento de los edificios publicos y de los terrenos escolares excluyendo las sumas de los salarios de los empleados del Distrito, y la compra de vehiculos para las actividades escolares con el fin de transportar a los estudiantes a los actividades extracurriculares?"

Seccion 5. El impuesto que contempla la cuestion del impuesto para las mejoras materiales se agregara tambien a cualquier impuesto que se imponga para pagar el servicio de la deuda de cualquier bono o para cualquier otro fin. Dichos impuestos para pagar las mejoras materiales seran autorizados conforme a la Ley de Mejoras Materiales de las Escuelas Publicas, es decir, las Secciones 22-25-1 a 22-25-10, NMSA 1978 (siendo Capitulo 5, Leyes de Nuevo Mexico, 1975, Sesion Especial, segun fueron enmendadas y suplementadas).

Seccion 6. Una persona es elector habilitado del Distrito si el o ella es ciudadano(a) de los Estados Unidos, tiene por lo menos 18 años de edad el dia de la Eleccion y es residente del Distrito en la fecha de la Eleccion. Para votar, los electores habilitados del Distrito deben haberse registrado previamente en los libros del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares conforme a la ley. Cualquier elector habilitado del Distrito que no esta registrado ahora y que desea votar en dicha Eleccion debe registrarse en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln, en el Edificio de la Corte en Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico, durante las horas habiles antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 4 de enero de 2000, cayendo esa fecha veinte y ocho dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, o el votante se puede registrar tambien en la oficina de cualquier auxiliar de registracion nombrado por el (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln (quienes pueden incluir los (de las) escribanos (de las) municipales de todas las municipalidades del Condado de Lincoln) o un auxiliar de registracion del departamento de motores vehiculares segun le permite la Seccion 1-4-47 NMSA 1978 o en cualquier agencia que provea subsidio a servicios publicos a personas con incapacidades conforme a la Seccion 1-4-48, NMSA 1978.

Seccion 7. La votacion en ausencia se permitira conforme lo prescriben las Secciones 1-6-1 et seq., NMSA, 1978; siempre que conforme a la Seccion 1-22-19, NMSA, 1978 los electores habilitados podran votar presentandose personalmente en la oficina del (de la) Escribano(a) del Condado de Lincoln durante las horas y en los dias habiles entre las 8:00 a.m., el 7 de enero de 2000, fecha que cae 25 dias antes de la fecha de la Eleccion, hasta las 5:00 p.m., el 28 de enero de 2000 que es el dia viernes que antecede inmediatamente la fecha de la Eleccion.

Seccion 8. La votacion se llevara a cabo usando maquinas electorales, salvo la votacion en ausencia la cual se llevara a cabo usando boletas de papel. Se colocara, por lo menos, una maquina electoral en el sitio electoral de cada Distrito Electoral.

APROBADA Y ADOPTADA este dia 11 de noviembre de 1999.

By: **TOM TROST**
Presidente, Junta de Educacion

(SELLO)

Do: **JAMES HOBBS**
Secretary, Junta de Educacion

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RESOLUCION NO. 1999-15

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of November, 1999, 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 Commission Chambers at the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, unless otherwise specified.

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

- * Thursday, January 20, 2000
- * Thursday, February 17, 2000
- * Thursday, March 16, 2000
- * Thursday, April 20, 2000
- * Thursday, May 18, 2000
- * Friday, June 9, 2000
- * Thursday, July 20, 2000
- * Thursday, August 17, 2000
- * Thursday, September 21, 2000
- * Thursday, October 19, 2000
- * Friday, November 10, 2000
- * Thursday, December 21, 2000.

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 18th day of November, 1999.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

HEX WILSON, Chairman
L. RAY NUNLEY, Vice Chairman
LEO MARTINEZ, Member
WILLIAM H. SCHWETTMANN, Member
RICK L. SIMPSON, Member

ATTEST:
MARTHA M. PROCTOR, Clerk

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TOWN OF CARRIZOZO ELECTION RESOLUTION 1999-25

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Town of Carrizozo that:

- A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 7, 2000. 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. TWO Trustees for a four year term.
 2. ONE Municipal Judge for a four term.
- C. Precincts 2A and 13 are consolidated for the regular municipal election.
- D. The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:
 1. Voters in Consolidated Precincts 2A and 13 shall vote at Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.
- E. Absentee Voting. Any qualified elector of the Town of Carrizozo shall obtain only his or her application for an absentee ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00 p.m., March 2, 2000. After 5:00 p.m., on March 2, 2000, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, until 7:00 p.m. on March 7, 2000.

F. Early Voting. Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Friday. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2000.

G. 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 8, 2000 at 5:00 P.M., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

H. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

I. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on voting machines.

J. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting early shall be recorded on voting machines.

Adopted and approved this 23rd day of November, 1999.

/s/ Manuel R. Hernandez, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Carol Schlarb, Municipal Clerk

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Pueblo de Carrizozo Resolucion Num 1999-25

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico que:

- A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el dia 7 marzo de 2000. 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. Dos Edificios por un termino de cuatro años.
 2. Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro años.
- C. Los recintos 2A y 13 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.
- D. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales par votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:
 - Los votantes en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 13 votaran en Pueblo de Carrizozo, Cuartro de Edificario, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.
- E. Votacion en Ausencia. Todo votante calificado de la Municipio de Carrizozo obtendra unicamente su solicitud obtener una balota para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana

de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el dia 2 de marzo de 2000. A partir de las 8:00 p.m. el dia 2 de marzo de 2000, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las boletas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las boletas completadas por el votante que emita su boleta con el fin de votar en ausencia que se le entreguen pro correo o en persona, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el dia 7 de marzo de 2000.

F. Votacion por Anticipado. La votacion por anticipado se llevara a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles de lunes a viernes. La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, dia 16 de febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, dia 3 de marzo de 2000.

G. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado del Lincoln condado a mas tardar el martes, dia 8 de febrero de 2000 a las 5:00 p.m., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

H. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, dia 11 de enero de 2000 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.

I. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en maquinas para votar.

J. Se inscribiran los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan pro anticipado en maquinas para votar.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 23rd de Noviembre de 1999.

/s/ Manuel R. Hernandez, Alcalde

Da fe:
/s/ Carol Schlarb, Escribana Municipal

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RESOLUCION NO. 1999-24

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the Town of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 23rd day of November, 1999, has approved and adopted the Official Holiday Calendar for the Town of Carrizozo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees hereby adopts the following as the Official Holiday Calendar for the Town of Carrizozo.

- * Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday will be observed on Monday, January 17, 2000.
- * Lincoln's Birthday will be observed on Friday, November 24, 2000
- * Washington's Birthday will be observed on Tuesday, December 28, 2000
- * Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 21, 2000
- * Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29, 2000
- * Independence Day will be observed on Tuesday, July 4, 2000
- * Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 4, 2000
- * Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 9, 2000
- * Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 13, 2000
- * Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 23, 2000
- * Christmas Day will be observed on Monday, December 25, 2000
- * New Year's Day will be observed on Monday, January 1, 2001

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION THIS 23RD DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1999.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF CARRIZOZO, NEW MEXICO

MANUEL R. HERNANDEZ, Mayor
JAMES W. SILVA, Trustee
EILEEN LOVELACE, Trustee
WESLEY B. LINDSAY, Trustee
CYNTHIA MOHALES, Trustee

ATTEST:
CAROL SCHLARB, Municipal Clerk

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NOTICE OF INVITATION FOR BIDS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed bids will be received by the Lincoln County Purchasing Agent at Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue (P.O. Box 711), Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 15, 1999, at which time and place the bids will be opened and publicly read aloud. Bids not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

BID NO. 99-00-022: CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW BONITO FIRE DISTRICT SUBSTATION AT THE RANCHOS OF SONTERRA SUB-DIVISION.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, December 16, 1999 at 9:00

a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

Specifications are available at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, or by calling Jane Williams at (505) 648-2395.

All bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the sealed envelope with the Project Title, Bid Number, Date and Time of Opening. If the bid is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "Sealed Bid" along with the Bid Number.

Lincoln County reserves the right to accept or reject all or any part of any bid, waive minor technicalities and award the bid to best serve the interests of Lincoln County.

JANE WILLIAMS
County Purchasing Agent
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RESOLUTION NO. 1999-16

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in regular session on the 18th day of November, 1999, has approved and adopted the County 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. Birthday will be observed on Monday, January 17, 2000.
* Lincoln's Birthday will be observed on Friday, November 24, 2000
* Washington's Birthday will be observed on Tuesday, December 26, 2000
* Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 21, 2000
* Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 29, 2000
* Independence Day will be observed on Tuesday, July 4, 2000
* Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 4, 2000
* Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 8, 2000
* Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 13, 2000
* Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 23, 2000
* Christmas Day will be observed on Monday, December 25, 2000
* New Year's Day will be observed on Monday, January 1, 2001

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 18th day of November, 1999.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REX WILSON, Chairman
L. RAY NUNLEY, Vice Chairman
LEO MARTINEZ, Member
WILLIAM H. SCHWETTMANN, Member
RICK L. SIMPSON, Member

ATTEST: MARTHA M. PROCTOR, Clerk

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TOWN OF CARRIZOZO RESOLUTION 1999-23

A RESOLUTION CONCERNING GOVERNING BODY MEETING AND PUBLIC NOTICE REQUIRED

WHEREAS, THE GOVERNING BODY MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD, 1999 AT 8:00 P.M. AS REQUIRED BY LAW; AND

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) states that, except as may otherwise provide in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such 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 only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Town of Carrizozo Governing Body to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Town of Carrizozo Governing Body that:

- 1. All meetings shall be held at Town of Carrizozo City Council Chambers, 100 4th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico at 8:00 p.m. or as indicated in the meeting notice.
2. Unless otherwise specified, regular meetings shall be held each month on the second and fourth Tuesdays. The agenda will be available at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting from the Town Clerk, whose office is located at City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301. Notice of any other regular meetings will be given five (5) days in advance of the meeting date. The notice shall indicate how a copy of the agenda may be obtained.
3. Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members of the Board of Trustees upon two (2) days notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four (24) hours before any special meeting.
4. Emergency meetings will be called only under unforeseen circumstances which demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the members upon twenty-four (24) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage require less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.
5. For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 2 of this resolution, notice requirements are met if notice of the date, time, place and agenda is placed in newspapers of general circulation in Carrizozo, New Mexico and posted in the following locations: City Hall, Wells Fargo Bank, Branch of Ruidoso State Bank, County of Lincoln, United States Post Office, Lincoln County News. The Town Clerk shall also mail copies of the written notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation which have made a written request for notice of public meetings.
6. For the purpose of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraph 3 and 4 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notice of the date, time, place and agenda in the offices as referred to under Section 5 of the resolution. The Town Clerk shall also provide telephone notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspaper of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of

public meeting.
7. In addition to the information specified above, all notices shall include the following language:
If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearings or meetings, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall, 048-2371 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at City Hall if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8. The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is exempted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.
(a) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Trustees taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closure and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion for closure and the vote on closure of each individual member shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in a closed meeting.
(b) If the decision to hold a closed meeting is made when the Board of Trustees is not 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 and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity is given to the members and to the general public.
(c) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.
(d) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussion in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Board of Trustees in an open meeting.

This resolution supersedes Resolution 1998-32 PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED 23 rd day of November, 1999.

ATTEST: CAROL SCHLARB, Town Clerk, CMC/AAB
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RESOLUTION NO. 1999-14 OPEN MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners meeting in regular session at Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 18th day of November, 1999, at 9:00 A.M. as required by law; and

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 or the delegated 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 meeting 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 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that:

- 1. Regular meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall ordinarily be held each month at a time and place designated in the notice. A proposed agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Manager's Office located in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.
2. Special meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice.
3. Emergency meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. Although, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) hours notice.
4. For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 1 of this resolution, notice requirements will be complied with by the Lincoln County Clerk's permanently posting on the bulletin board at the Lincoln County Courthouse a copy of this resolution, as well as a notice setting forth the date and times of the regular meetings which have been set by resolution. Changes effecting the date of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for notice of public meetings at least seven (7) days prior to the new meeting date.
5. For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notices in the offices of the Lincoln County Clerk and the Lincoln County Manager. The Lincoln County Manager's Office shall provide telephonic notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for notice of public meetings.
6. Every effort shall be made to follow the Robert's Rules of Order. The Robert's Rules of Order shall be specifically modified to allow the Chairman to vote in all instances.
7. If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of

auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the County Manager's Office at 505/448-2385 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please contact the County Manager's Office at 505/448-2385 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8. Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) NMSA 1978 of the Open Meetings Act, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any commission meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(H) NMSA 1978, such closure:

(1) If made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the 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 Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

(2) If called for when the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners 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.

9. Pursuant to 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, paragraph C, a member or members of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member or members to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18th day of November, 1999.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

REX WILSON, CHAIRMAN
L. RAY NUNLEY, VICE CHAIRMAN
LEO MARTINEZ, MEMBER
WILLIAM H. SCHWETTMANN, MEMBER
RICK L. SIMPSON, MEMBER

ATTEST: MARTHA M. PROCTOR, LINCOLN COUNTY CLERK

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TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN

No. CV-99-48 Div. III

BURKFIELD, ROXY Plaintiff,

v.

TERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and JOEL J. RUTTEN, Individually, and in his capacity as President of TERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC. Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 20th day of December, 1999, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the north entrance to the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico, the appointed Special Master will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash, the following described property situated in the Village of Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Unit 19-B in Building 3, and Unit 28-C in Building 5, all of Tierra Del Sol Condominiums, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as the same is set forth and established by that certain Declaration recorded August 4, 1993, in Miscellaneous Book 87, Pages 188-250, both inclusive; and Amended Declaration recorded March 5, 1995, in Miscellaneous Book 98, Pages 599-657, both inclusive; and Unit Week Number Designation recorded in Miscellaneous Book 107, Pages 883-892, both inclusive, and as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on July 27, 1983 in Cabinet D, Slide 135; and by the Replat of Phase I filed September 28, 1990 in Cabinet E, Slide 203;

TOGETHER WITH said Unit Week/Use Period's undivided interest in and to the common area and facilities attributable thereto.

SUBJECT TO: Easements, restrictions and reservations of record. Commonly referred to as Unit 19-B in Building 3, and Unit 28-C in Building 5, Tierra Del Sol Condominiums.

This foreclosure sale is made pursuant to Judgment rendered on behalf of Plaintiff ROXY BURKFIELD against Defendants TERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and JOEL J. RUTTEN, Individually, and in his capacity as President of TERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC. foreclosing the Mortgage on the above described real property to satisfy the following obligations: Judgment against Defendants TERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC., a New Mexico Corporation, and JOEL J. RUTTEN, Individually, and in his capacity as President of TERRA DEL SOL REALTY, INC. in the amount of Fifty Eight Thousand One Hundred Sixty Six Dollars and seventy seven cents (\$58,166.77) as of August 25, 1999. The

daily accrual of interest thereon is Seven Dollars and seventy seven cents (\$7.77) until this Judgment is paid in full. Further, Plaintiff has judgment for attorney's fees, costs and expenses in the amount of Four Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four Dollars and eighty four cents (\$4,284.84).

WITNESS MY HAND this 24th day of November, 1999.

SPECIAL MASTER DELLA BUCKLEY
By: David M. Stevens
Attorney at Law, P.C.
106 Rio Street
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(505) 257-0177
Attorney for Plaintiff

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 2, 9, 18 and 24, 1999.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Capitan will hold a Public Hearing on December 8, 1999 at 8:30 p.m. at the Village Hall Building. The purpose of this hearing will be to discuss amending Section 2-4-5 of the Criminal Code under the Village of Capitan's Village Code which is entitled "Marijuana, Possession Prohibited" and adding a Section to the Criminal Code which will be entitled "Unlawful to Possess, Manufacture, or Deliver Drug Paraphernalia". This item will be considered for adoption at the Regular Council Meeting held on December 13, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. The Public is invited to attend this Public Hearing. Copies of the present ordinance and the proposed changes are available at Village Hall between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

/s/ Kathryn Griffin
Village Clerk
Village of Capitan

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Carrizozo will hold their Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, December 6, 1999 at 6:30 p.m., City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE POSTED in accordance with Resolution 1998-32, Twenty-Four hours prior to meeting date and made available to the public.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in this hearing or meeting, please contact Carol Schlarb or Margaret LaBelle at 048-2371, City Hall, Carrizozo, New Mexico at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible.

Carol Schlarb, CMC/AAB
Town Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo

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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 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 16, 1999, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following:

ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LINCOLN COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ORDINANCE NO. 1999-03

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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FAST ACTION

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CLASSIFIED ADS

CALL: (505) 648-2333

Calendar of

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- of marijuana and drug paraphernalia.
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9**
 - Sierra Blanca Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution meets. Call 258-5875 or 258-3622 for location information.
 - Capitan elementary parent advisory committee meeting 5 p.m. elementary building.
 - Capitan Board of Education 6 p.m. administration building. Agenda includes first reading of proposed Drug Test policy.
 - Lincoln County Chapter of League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) 7 p.m. Zia Senior Citizens Center in Carrizozo. Ruth Hammond of Lincoln County News speaker. Call 258-2212 for information.
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10**
 - First half property taxes due to avoid delinquent charge.
 - Christmas Open House, Corona Museum 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11**
 - Capitan Merchants Christmas Open House, during regular business hours.
 - Christmas at Smokey Bear Historical Park in Capitan, 5:30 p.m. Santa, and reception to honor state legislators.

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1tp/Dec. 2

FORRENT: Newly remodeled 1-BR spacious apt. on sheep ranch, Lincoln. Fireplace, utilities, w/d, unfurnished, pets ok, some pasture, security deposit. \$400.00 month/neg. 659-4041.
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tfn/Nov. 11



Subdivision Property Owners Want to Pay For Better Roads

by Doris Cherry
Several owners of property within county subdivisions told Lincoln County Commissioners they were willing to pay for improvements to their subdivision roads.

During the regular Lincoln County Commission meeting of November 18 held in Ruidoso Convention Center, several property owners, and representatives of homeowners associations, commented during a forum on road improvements. Last month county commissioner Ray Nunley requested the forum to take input on how subdivision property owners could improve the county roads in their subdivisions. County attorney Alan Morel opened the forum by saying he prepared a document that outlines the state laws for self assessment to improve roads. He stressed that the information was for self assessment only, and the county did not intend to impose any front footage or other tax to all county properties.

Skinner said. He added that the property owners tend to agree with the election process for self assessment. Skinner said most of the properties are not occupied and owners live out of the county, but he thought most of the homeowners in the two subdivisions were in favor of an assessment. Nunley suggested Skinner create a homeowners committee to obtain names of property owners, and then write them about the proposals for road assessments.

HAKE SALE: Dec. 3 at Wells Fargo Bank, Carrizozo, 9:00 a.m. to ? Sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church.
2tp/Nov. 24 & Dec. 2

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PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE MILLENNIUM
by Judith L. Christopher
Ruidoso, NM (505) 257-2996
Week of Dec. 2 - 8, 1999

Morel gave four options—front footage assessment as provided by state law that imposes a set amount less than \$1 a linear foot of property that adjoins a county subdivision road that needs "extraordinary maintenance" and is allowed to be imposed only until the extraordinary maintenance is completed; creation of an improvement district by the County Improvement District Act; payment for improvement of county roads by individual property owners within each subdivision with county approval; and combination of individual owners supplying materials or proceeds to purchase materials with the county providing the equipment and manpower to improve the road.

Dan Mosca of High Sierra Estates, a very small subdivision, said assessment costs for each of the 30 homeowners there would be "astronomical." "You tell us the best route for a small subdivision," Mosca said. "Our dust this year is horrendous, we need some cover to eliminate it." Mosca added that if the county does improvements with a bond that no money be paid until all the improvements are done.

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tfn/NC

LEGAL NOTICE
The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners are hereby accepting nominations to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee for three members to serve on the Board. Nominee(s) shall be involved in primary agriculture production or in secondary agricultural services; must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln. Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee. Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 10:00 A.M., December 14, 1999.
MARTHA GUEVARA
Assistant County Manager
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Sagittarius (Nov 22-Dec 21) Time is Short - (For the Year's End) But You're Just Beginning a New Life - Don't Just Dream - WAKE UP & Do it...NOW!
Capricorn (Dec 22-Jan 19) Don't wait till the Last Minute to do your Shopping - Start early - So you won't be Tired Later On - Buy Something for Yourself.

Chandler Brown, vice president of Sonterra Property Owners Association which represents 494 property owners, said the association wants the county to maintain about five miles of chip sealed road. "But the county has no equipment to maintain chip seal," he added. Brown also said the sales people for the developer of the subdivision told buyers the roads were built to county standards and the county will maintain them. "They all came from counties with more money than Lincoln County, so they automatically think the county will come and take care of the roads," Brown said. "They're mad as hell (the county doesn't take care of the roads)."

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Dec. 10 Is Last Day To Pay Property Taxes Without Penalty

December 10 is the last day to pay the first half of the 1999 property taxes without penalty. After December 10, the first half of property taxes become delinquent and subject to penalty and interest. Lincoln County Treasurer's office staff will accept the first half, or total payment, of property taxes until 5 p.m. Friday, December 10. Also payments postmarked on or before December 10 will not be penalized, even if they are received after December 10. The second half payment will be due on April 10, 2000 and becomes delinquent after May 10, 2000. Lincoln County Treasurer Joan Park said any property tax payment made with an overdraft check will result in the payment being voided, and the tax account will start accruing penalty and interest. Interest is charged at one percent a month (of the property tax amount) with a minimum of \$5. Penalty is one percent a month or not more than \$5 per half year payment. Several tax bills with Ruidoso post office addresses

have been returned to the treasurer's office. Park said this is due to the change from post office addresses to physical addresses in Ruidoso. She requests that any tax payer who has not received a property tax bill to contact her office. "We want

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\$16,000, but underclaimed reimbursements by \$30,000," Hemphill said. Hemphill said the problems point out a need for more oversight on the grant reports to assure they are timely and correctly filed. Briley said they do have a person in the police department to monitor grants. Concluding his report on a "bright ending" Hemphill said last year's two findings have been resolved. The first was about inequities in the building permits. "After four years of griping you are now in the right direction," Hemphill said. Because of his last year's audit finding

people to get their tax bills," Park said. "Let the county offices know if you have an address change." The Lincoln County Treasurer's office is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. on the permits councilors revised the way building permits are calculated. The other finding was an underpledged bank account on June 30 which was resolved immediately after it was discovered. "I did find \$5,000 you didn't know you had," Hemphill added. After Hemphill's report councilor Bob Sterchi asked if the revenue figures take into account the gross receipts from the highway construction contractors. Briley said this year's budget had underestimated revenues "just in case the construction is completed and goes away."

Aquarius (Jan 20-Feb 18) Waiting on Something or Someone is Not a Virtue of yours! If you need a Question Answered - Then Ask it! Don't be Shy.
Pisces (Feb 19-Mar 20) What are You Waiting For? You Know What You Want - Then Go Get it! If you don't - Then Don't feel Sorry for Yourself.
Aries (Mar 21-Apr 19) You Know Enough Now - That You're Ready To Go Up - Ask for a Raise and Buy Something You Always Wanted.
Taurus (Apr 20-May 20) Go on ahead and Get "It." You Know You Want It - So go on - You can pay for it later! Or Should you?
Gemini (May 21-June 20) Your Unspoken Words - Say a lot in Your Eyes - Don't Think for a Minute. Others Don't Know What You Really Feel.
Cancer (June 21-July 23) Get Out of Your Dead-End Rut - Jump into the New Year with a "Bang" - Quit living for everyone else! Have your own fun!
Leo (July 23-Aug 22) "Rise, Rise" - Yeah, Yeah - We all know you can Rise, but deep down you Have the Heart of a Big "Teddy Bear! NEED LOVE!
Virgo (Aug 23-Sept 22) Money? Again? Why are You Worried about Something You Have No Control Over - Just Give Thanks for What You Do Have.
Libra (Sept 23-Oct 22) You need to Get Out! Quit Hiding Behind Your Work - There's a New Life out There Waiting to be Lived! Go...ITOLD YOU SO!
Scorpio (Oct 23-Nov 21) Things and People seem to be Scattered all about - As Hard as You Try, You Can't Make Anyone do Something They Don't Want to - Make Yourself Happy!

County commissioner Leo Martinez said, "My concern about your concern is a real concern." Martinez then said once the county chip sealed roads it has to maintain them. "Then we're back to a footage charge because we have to get money from somewhere to maintain these roads," he added. County road manager Albert Hernandez said his estimated cost to chip seal one-tenth of a mile at 24 feet wide is \$5,500 just for materials. Paving the same road with two-inches of hot mix would cost \$12,672 only for materials. "We're talking a lot of money," Hernandez said.

More discussion was held about enforcing current county road standards concerning width to old subdivisions. County commission chairman Rex Wilson asked the manager to follow up with the people who spoke at the forum. Information packets about the state laws on road footage and assessment districts are available from the county manager.

Carrizozo Rec Center

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closet for the heater. Vega will look in his budget to see where the funds can come from.

There was no report on the Carrizozo Recreation Center as Christina Full, the manager, was not present. Hernandez said "that I have already stated here in several meetings, and the council backed me up, that it is mandatory for all the people involved in running the recreation center, police department, water department, and sewer department to be here at the regular meetings because there are questions to ask and they are to give a report and we need to know where we stand and if they are not showing up we can not conduct business." Hernandez asked Gary Stout, mechanic at the recreation center, to carry that message back to her.

Lovelace said "we (the trustees) could just close the recreation center and let Gary run the bowling alleys, lanes, and the leagues....If the people start screaming because their kids don't have any place to go maybe something will be done about a manager for the recreation center. Maybe she will get off her butt, I don't know. The woman has told us and told us without saying anything, 'I don't have to deal with what you tell me to do, I will do what I darn well please.'"

Hernandez said that he has talked to her two or three times and she advised him she would be here. She came to the last one, he said.

A member of the audience told the trustees that she

didn't think it was up to the community to get after her because the trustees hired her and it was the trustees problem not the community's. Hernandez and Lovelace agreed. Lovelace said that she keeps hearing complaints about what is going on over there (the recreation center) and there is nothing she can do.

Schlarb said that it was Full's request that she be placed on the agenda the second meeting of every month and Full has received a letter requesting her to attend.

Hernandez said that the contract comes up for bid in May. Hernandez also said that the trustees need to find somebody to cover the bowling leagues in case this lady gets mad, upset and says here is the key, because right now they have probably one of the best leagues they ever had.

Lovelace said that "if it wasn't for Gary taking care of the lanes they would probably be messed up again, I don't know." She said, "that Full has no idea how to run the lanes, how to run a league, how to take care of the back end of that thing. If it wasn't for Gary, there would be no bowling alley."

Hernandez said that he could see there was no promotion being done and that he had talked to her and told her that there are a lot of other ways of making money besides bowling, having the pinball machines, or having the billiard tables. He said that he told her to have dances, cakewalks, and other little things. He said he told her to go to Alamogordo and

promote the leagues since all the money has gone into the recreation center. Hernandez said he was a strong believer that if there is no promotion being done they are going nowhere and throwing money away.

Hernandez said that he didn't understand why she wasn't working with the trustees when they tried to work with her. He said that they didn't have the money but got the \$7,000 to do the lanes. He said that he doesn't understand why Full does not appear when she is requested and that he has requested several times for her to attend the meetings.

Stout told Hernandez that it is appreciated that the lanes were done as they were in need of desperate repair. He said that it looked like the Carrizozo Recreation will get the City Tournaments this year. The City Tournaments are where cities (Alamogordo, Roswell, and others) get together and go from one city to another. They are a three day event. Stout did not know the exact dates but said that the tournaments would be after January.

Lovelace said that it wouldn't hurt Full to just show up and tell the trustees.

Stout said that in the last two years the lanes were substandard and the City Tournament wasn't interested. He said that the resurfacing was a definite plus. Hernandez said that he understood that some of the machines are in bad shape and that parts were being taken from one machine to fix another. Hernandez said that was

the reason for promotion to make money so there will be money to buy the parts for the machines. Stout said that he and Schlarb have been working on the budget to get the parts for the machines. Hernandez said that the council appreciates what Stout is doing.

During the trustees reports, Payne reported on a meeting with Kelly Construction on what their responsibilities are toward the water filtration plant.

Kelly Construction told Payne that they felt that they have met all their responsibilities; that they have made nine trips up here and trained two water operators at no charge. Payne said that after talking to them he agrees that Kelly has met any responsibilities they had. Kelly Construction told Payne that they would send their filter man over to train Sales if the town requests it; however, Payne told the

trustees that the town may have to pay for Sales' training. Lindsay said that the town should do that as it has kept being put off. Kelly said that the problem that Payne is having at the water filtration plant is Roberts Filters and that the town should contact them. Payne said the town may have to pay for the valve as he has not been able to get in touch with anybody at the Roberts factory.

Ruidoso Must Respond To Two Audit Findings

Administration of police grants and a contract with an engineering firm with individual projects exceeding \$25,000 caused auditor Ronnie Hemphill to cite these problems as "findings" on the audit of the 1998-99 fiscal year finances of the Village of Ruidoso.

During the regular Ruidoso Council meeting November 30, Hemphill said the audit went very smooth, the village finance staff was very helpful. He thanked village finance officer Lorrie McKnight. "This was really a very pleasant audit to do," Hemphill said. "This is a good place to work."

While Hemphill gave a verbal report on the audit, he did not release his written audit statements for public review because they had not been reviewed and approved by the New Mexico State Auditor. "I want to wait until the state auditor says these are public information," Hemphill said. He did leave a few copies with the village finance officer for review by councilors and staff.

Highlights of the audit were the increase in cash

investments of \$2,089,000, increase in assets to \$2,908,000, increase in the fund equity to \$3,270,000 and a liability decrease of \$462,000. The village general fund ended with a surplus of \$624,000 which Hemphill referred to as "net profit." Later in the discussion mayor Robert Donaldson said municipalities do not make profit, and all the surplus, reserves will be placed into a capital outlay fund for future capital (construction or equipment) needs.

Hemphill said 1998-99 was a "good strong financial year" for the Village of Ruidoso.

However he had one "qualification"--Y2K compliance that all auditors are being required to report because no one is sure what will occur on January 1, 2000.

There were two findings about which the village must respond. The first was a procurement violation in Hemphill's interpretation of the state laws. He said it involves the village's contract for basic engineering services, which

the company provided for multiple jobs. "I interpret state statutes as requiring any engineering project costing over \$25,000 to go to rfp," Hemphill said. "Many (individual) projects exceeded \$25,000, all done by the same company."

Village manager Alan Briley said the village differs in its interpretation, but until the village receives a different interpretation it will follow Hemphill's suggestion to go for request for proposals for projects costing more than \$25,000.

The second finding dealt with the reporting of police department grants. Hemphill said the grant reporting is very complicated. He said what happened is the federal government's position is it will pool funds from the four grants (to the village) for reimbursement requests when services are provided. However, one of the four grants had expired, but the grant administrator had sent reimbursement requests in after it had expired, resulting in an overclaim of \$16,000.

The grant administrator found this problem herself, Hemphill added, so she didn't file her final quarterly report, which resulted in another violation. "Yes she overclaimed expenses by

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