

# LCSWA Signs Agreement With Sierra Contractors

by Doris Cherry

## "A Short Term Fix For Hauling Trash"

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) took another step toward doing its own hauling to the landfill by approving an agreement with Sierra Contractors, Inc. (SCI).

During the LCSWA meeting of December 28, members voted 3-1 in favor of the agreement whereby LCSWA will pay SCI up to \$1,600 a

month to use a ramp at the SCI incinerator site east of the Ruidoso Downs village limits. LCSWA plans to use the ramp to load trash from the local collection trucks into a 117 cubic yard trailer purchased for about \$80,000. Once filled, the trailer will be hauled to the landfill south of Alamogordo, a 175 mile round trip.

"This is a short term fix," said LCSWA manager Jerry Wright, since the LCSWA goal is to construct its own transfer station.

Currently most of the trash collected in Alto, Alto Mesa areas, Ruidoso Downs and the Hondo Valley is taken to the Ruidoso transfer station. For the cost of \$8.97 a cubic yard, Ruidoso solid waste department hauls the trash to the landfill south of Alamogordo. Figuring

LCSWA could haul its own trash at a lower cost, LCSWA board approved purchase of the 117 cubic yard trailer two months ago. Also LCSWA began hauling trash collected in the Capitan and

Carrizozo areas directly to the landfill.

But LCSWA has nowhere to fill the new trailer. Original plans were to transfer the trash from the local collection trucks into the transport trailer at the LCSWA yard in Ruidoso Downs. That plan was nixed by Ruidoso Downs Mayor Joe Hayhurst, who is also the chair of the LCSWA board. Scrambling to find a transfer location, Wright went to Van Patten president of SCI, who agreed to negotiate.

At the meeting December 28, LCSWA members Cynthia Morales and Hayhurst were in physical attendance. Capitan member Debra Ingie sent village administrator Steve Barela because she was out of town. County member Rick Simpson sent his proxy vote.

LCSWA attorney Don Dutton reviewed the lease agreement under which SCI agrees to lease an area at its incinerator site to locate a temporary ramp (which LCSWA will construct), at a

fee of \$1,000 a month while the temporary ramp is in use. SCI also agrees to construct a permanent ramp. Once the permanent ramp is completed, LCSWA will pay more per month to cover the cost of the permanent ramp, about \$500 or \$600 more, Wright said. After the initial 24 month period, LCSWA will pay SCI \$1,500 a month.

In the agreement LCSWA also will transport construction and demolition waste to

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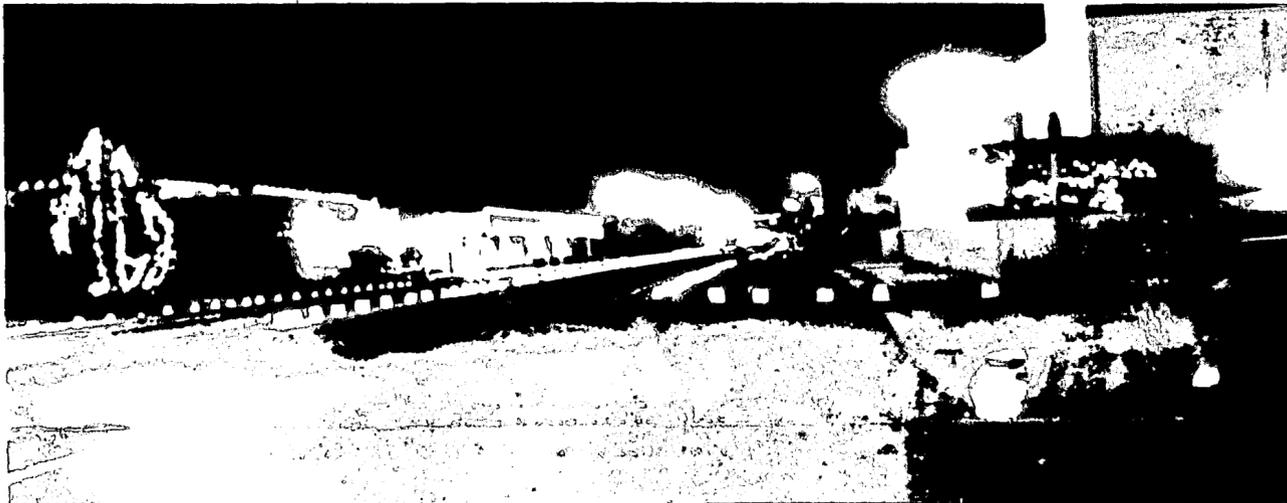
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prevented an early start on lighting the candles. By nightfall the winds had died down so volunteers were able to light and relight many of the luminarias, and thus light the way for the Christ child.

## Municipal Elections To Be Held March 7

All municipalities within Lincoln County are holding elections on Tuesday, March 7.

Rules of the elections are the same for all the municipalities--Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs.

Tuesday, January 11 is the only day for potential candidates to file a declaration of candidacy for the municipal election. Any registered voter who physically resides within the municipality must file a declaration of candi-

dacy (available from the municipal clerk) with the municipal clerk between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on January 11. Potential candidates must bring updated affidavits of voter registration, certified by the Lincoln County Clerk's office on a date after the adoption of the municipal election resolutions (after December 23).

According to the Lincoln County Clerk's office, a person may register to vote, or change party registration through January 11, and still

be eligible to file a declaration of candidacy.

Anyone wanting to register to vote in the municipal elections must do so with the Lincoln County Clerk before 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 8. Voter registration forms are available at the county clerk's office or at the offices of the municipal clerks.

New this year to the municipal elections is early voting. Early voting begins on Wednesday, February 16

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## White Oaks Bridge On Schedule

Beginning the first week of January, the New Mexico State Highway and Trans-

portation Department, HDR Engineering and Albuquerque Underground Inc., will

start on the new bridge structure in White Oaks. However, the project is scheduled for cold weather shut down the third week of January.

According to Robin Nickels, project manager for HDR engineering, the construction is proceeding on schedule. Clearing and grubbing is about 80 percent complete. Drilled shafts were completed and concrete was poured the week of December 10. Abutments were completed the following week.

The new road embankment has been completed. Wire-encased rip-rap and rock plating for slope protection are currently underway.

Nickels said staff from HDR, AUI and NMSHTD thank all the residents of White Oaks for their patience and cooperation during the construction.

For more information or assistance, contact Nickels, or Dino Montano at 648-2031.



**OLD WHITE OAKS BRIDGE** is no more as the state highway department and contractors begins construction of the new bridge. Construction will shut down for cold weather the third week of January.

## County Adopts More Stringent Drug Policy

by Doris Cherry

County employees in safety sensitive positions will undergo random drug and alcohol testing, while all other employees will be subjected to drug testing only if there is a reasonable suspicion.

During their regular meeting December 16, Lincoln County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 1999-03 that changed wording in the existing personnel policy to clarify testing of regular and "safety sensitive" employees. Safety sensitive employees are defined as those who are required to operate county vehicles as well as those who have control or access to controlled reports or reports associated with the drugs.

Safety sensitive employees who test positive for illegal drugs or alcohol, or those who refuse to be tested, will be disciplined by being placed on leave and referred to re-hab. After successful completion of re-hab, the employee will be subjected to random testing for two

years. Non safety sensitive employees will be tested if a trained supervisor has reason to suspect the employee of using drugs or alcohol on the job, or reporting to work under the influence. If the employee tests positive he or she may attend a re-hab program at his or her cost. These employees may also keep their jobs with approval of the county manager. The employee will also have to submit to random testing for two years.

County commissioner Leo Martinez asked if the ordinance covers elected officials, and whether elected officials can determine how they want to carry out the ordinance on their employees. County attorney Alan Morel said the ordinance will cover elected officials if they drive a county vehicle. Also elected officials have the right to enforce the personnel policies on their employees

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# Municipal Elections

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and closes at 5 p.m. Friday, March 3 in the offices of the municipal clerks. Early voting will be conducted on electronic voting machines.

Registered voters may also vote by absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are available only at the offices of the municipal clerks. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the municipal clerks before 5 p.m. March 2. After 5 p.m. March 2, all unused absentee

ballots will be publicly destroyed by the municipal clerks. The municipal clerks will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter, until 7 p.m. March 7.

In Capitán voters will elect two trustees for four year terms. Carrizozo voters will elect two trustees for four year terms and one municipal judge for a four year term. In Corona, voters will elect two councilors for four year terms.

Ruidoso, in addition to electing three councilors for four year terms and one councilor for a two year term, voters will have a \$6 million bond issue question for the proposed swimming pool and recreation complex. "Non-residential" electors will be allowed to vote on the bond issue question. A "non-residential" elector is any person who is a qualified registered voter of Lincoln County, but who resides outside the village of Ruidoso, and who has paid property tax on property located within the village during the year preceding the municipal election. The nonresident elector must file a certificate of eligibility with the Ruidoso village clerk sometime between January 7 to February 21. A certificate of eligibility is available from the office of Ruidoso Municipal Clerk Tammie Maddox.

Ruidoso Downs voters will elect a mayor for a four year term, two trustees for four year terms, and a municipal judge for a four year term.

For more information about the municipal elections, call Capitán Clerk Kathryn Griffin at 354-2247, Carrizozo Clerk Carol Schlarb at 648-2371, Corona Clerk Cathy Muniz at 849-5511, Ruidoso Clerk Tammie Maddox at 258-4343, Ruidoso Downs Clerk Leann Weibrecht at 378-4422, or the Lincoln County Clerk's Office at 648-2394.

# LCSWA Signs Agreement

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the regional landfill for SCI at the cost of \$6 a cubic yard. Wright said as a governmental entity LCSWA cannot do a trade-off with SCI, but this will help cover some of the lease payments from LCSWA to SCI. LCSWA and SCI will cover their own tipping fees at the regional landfill.

Barela voted no to the agreement on behalf of Ingle, who sent word that she was concerned about the open ended amount for construction of the permanent ramp. Wright said he talked with Patten who was willing to set a limit of \$15,000 for the permanent ramp which would be about \$695 a month for 24 months.

Dutton said the amount per month in the first 24 months will be \$1,624.10 and after the first 24 months \$1,312.05. The agreement provides for renewal up to five years at the same negotiated rates. The agreement also has a 90 day termination clause.

LCSWA will continue to use the Ruidoso transfer station as a contingency situation if LCSWA is rushed with trash or the SCI site becomes unusable, Wright added.

LCSWA's goal is to locate and construct a transfer station. Wright said while there are state grants and funding for construction of station, the grants will not cover the purchase of land. Barela asked if SCI was willing to sell the incinerator site to LCSWA for a transfer station. But Dutton said that site has problems mostly with access. That led to a discussion by LCSWA employee Joe Sanchez who questioned whether the new 117 yard trailer can access the site now, since there is a 90 degree turn on the road that is somewhat steep and in a shaded location.

Dutton agreed to add wording to the lease that LCSWA would not pay SCI if it cannot access the SCI site.

During discussion after the motion to approve was made by Hayhurst, Barela said

another of Ingle's concerns is whether LCSWA will save any money hauling its own trash and paying SCI a monthly lease payment over the amount paid to Ruidoso for use of the transfer station. Sanchez said after a trial run with the new trailer, LCSWA estimated it will cost about \$128 less per trip to the regional landfill over what it would cost to take the trash to the Ruidoso transfer station.

Hayhurst said LCSWA needed to try using the ramp at SCI. "If it doesn't work we have 90 days to get out," Hayhurst added.

Taking the advice of Dutton, Morales joined Hayhurst and Simpson in voting for the lease agreement. Barela on behalf of Ingle voted no. "We've got to

give it a try," Hayhurst concluded.

Funds to pay for the monthly lease will come from the LCSWA capital outlay and hauling budgets.

In his manager's report Wright said LCSWA kept up with trash during the Christmas weekend due to the 40 yard containers placed in Alto and Cedar Creek. Also some trucks were out on Friday and Saturday. Wright said the amount of trash increases about a third during the holidays.

LCSWA will not provide special containers or a site for discarded Christmas trees. Wright said LCSWA crews will just pick up trees if they are put at dumpsters. Ruidoso has a free tree disposal area at the free parking lot on Sudderth Drive.

# County Adopts

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as they want.

Citizen Tony Seno asked if a county employee who is a member of the Native American Church who uses illegal peyote for religious practices would be subject to the policies. Morel said that deals with the separation of church and state. "There are exemptions, but this is a very deep subject," Morel said. "I can't answer better."

Seno then asked if employees who fail drug tests will be "treated like any other citizen—booked, jailed, deloused—or treated with favoritism?" Morel said it would depend if the employees submits to voluntary testing he or she will be provided opportunity for treatment. If the employee has an accident in a county vehicle while under the influence of illegal drugs the employee will be charged and dismissed, Morel added.

"This is not a get out of jail card," Morel said. "The employee can get treatment."

Morel added that employees with commercial drivers license are subject to

federal Department of Transportation (DOT) laws apply, but will be given chance for re-hab. If the employee tests positive the second time he will loose his CDL. "If it is just a county employee he will not be tested unless there is reasonable suspicion," Morel added.

Citizen Lonnie Lippmann said corporate America has a different policy that all who work are subject to random drug testing and are given one opportunity for re-hab. "I feel this should be the county's policy, if the county has a policy at all," Lippmann said.

Morel explained that very issue was before the U.S. Supreme Court three months ago, resulting in a decision that employees who are not in safety sensitive positions may be tested only if there is reasonable cause.

County commissioners unanimously adopted the personnel ordinance that amended the drug policy and the policy concerning annual leave. With the change employees will be allowed to carry up to 160 hours of accrued annual leave forward from one calendar year to the next, unless extenuating circumstances warrant approval of an extension by the county commissioners. Such instances are if a department is short of personnel and the department chief has denied leave.

## Lincoln County FCE

The Lincoln County FCE Yearbook planning committee will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 13, at the Otero County Electric Cooperative office in Carrizozo.

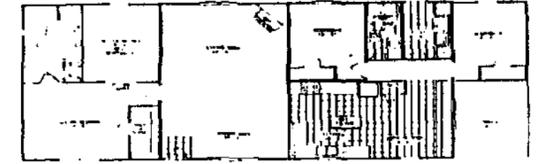
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# County Gets Pitch For Rock Crusher

rock businesses complain

Lincoln County Commissioners did not commit to purchase a piece of large equipment promoted to produce base gravel for \$9 a cubic yard.

During county commissioners regular meeting on December 16 in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, they heard a sales pitch from States Equipment Company regional manager Mike McDonald and sales rep Don Martin for a 1012 Tesab Rock Crusher.

The rock crusher is a project of county commissioner Rick Simpson, who was absent from the meeting because he was head wrangler for the Last Cattle Drive of the Millennium being held that week. He had seen a similar rock crusher, owned by DeBaca County, in operation and became convinced the self contained, portable crusher could save the county money for road base gravel.

McDonald said if the county purchased the crusher, it could produce the base gravel for \$9 a cubic yard. He said if the county rented a crusher it would cost about \$2 a cubic yard more. He also said his company understands government financing. He also said a larger size model of crusher would be better for Lincoln County.

Martin said the company

would also train county employees to operate and maintain the crusher.

After a short video and a verbal presentation from the company, county manager Tom Stewart said he needed to research and compare the costs to produce the gravel by purchasing the crusher to the cost the county now pays to a private owned rock crushing business.

Joel Bonnell, who with his family operate a sand and gravel pit, asked McDonald about the costs for "wear parts" on the crusher. McDonald said his company has parts on inventory at their office in Pueblo, CO. Also the equipment uses a different method of crushing rock with four hammers which McDonald said cost \$1,550 each. Also the hammers do not wear as quickly as the geared teeth in conventional crushers.

McDonald acknowledged that the gravel produced by the crusher is not to state highway specifications. After questioning by Bonnell, McDonald said the crusher has a 10-to-one size reduction, and produces gravel down to two and a half inches.

Bonnell also said the crusher will require a large loader and two people, adding another \$1.77 per cubic yard to the total cost of gravel.

Tom White of Ruidoso Paving Company, another private rock supplier, said

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**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. No story hour during Christmas holidays.  
—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. No bingo until January 6.  
—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. Closed December 31 for New Years.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31**  
—Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso, Ruidoso Downs, County of Lincoln, state and federal offices closed for New Year's Eve. Post offices closed Saturday, January 1.  
—Ruidoso Public Library closed this day and January 1 for New Years holiday.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2000**  
—Students return to class in Capitan and Carrizozo.  
—Capitan Chamber of Commerce 12:30 p.m. Chamber Building on Second Street.  
—Capitan School ACT board meeting 1-3 p.m.  
—Keep Ruidoso Beautiful Committee 5 p.m. Ruidoso village hall.  
—Carrizozo Planning and Zoning Commission 6:30 p.m. Town Hall.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 4**  
—Ruidoso P&Z Commission 2 p.m. village hall.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**  
—Special Capitan school board meeting 6 p.m. administration building, closed session for limited personnel matters.  
—Special public workshop to review proposed Lincoln County Indigent Health Care Ordinance, 6:30 p.m. Ruidoso Convention Center.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**  
—Lincoln County Public Land Use Advisory Council (PLUAC) 9 a.m. commissioners chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo.  
—Capitan High School Smokey Bear Basketball Tournament begins and continues through Saturday, January 8.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 7**  
—Reports cards issued to Capitan school students.

# Tiffany Menix Named Ag Educator Of The Year

Capitan elementary school teacher Tiffany Menix has been named "Agriculture Educator of the Year" by the New Mexico Farm Bureau. Menix is a fifth grade teacher at Capitan School and was one of the first educators in the state to embrace the "Ag in the classroom" program sponsored by the NM Farm Bureau (NMFBS). According to a release from NMFBS, Capitan elementary school principal Dick Clevenger said Menix uses

the basics of agriculture to teach a variety of subjects from reading to science. "We're really proud of her. This program has proven beneficial to the kids on a number of levels especially when they move to middle school with a solid science background," Clevenger said. Menix incorporates a grow lab in her classroom which lets students observe plant propagation and agricultural systems on a daily basis. Her class also maintains trees and a flower garden at the

school. Students also are introduced to live animals and a variety of guest speakers. "There are sounds, sights and smells of life," said NMFBS Ag in the Classroom Program coordinator Jennifer Hopper. "The classroom is alive and the children are really excited to learn about the nation's leading industry." Menix and her husband

Dwight are active in the Lincoln County Farm Bureau and Christ Community Fellowship. She is also a member of the Lincoln County Historical Society. Menix is a graduate of New Mexico State University and has been teaching for eight years. The award was presented to Menix at the annual NMFBS meeting held in Albuquerque.



**AG EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR.** Capitan fifth grade teacher Tiffany Menix (right) receives the NM Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Program Educator of the Year award from program coordinator Jennifer Hopper during the NM Farm Bureau annual meeting in Albuquerque. Menix was honored for being the first elementary teacher in NM to add the ag program to her class curriculum.

## County Wellness Board Hosts Indigent Care Workshop January 5

Lincoln County Health and Wellness Advisory Board and Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart are hosting a "working review" of the proposed Indigent Health Care Ordinance at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, in Ruidoso Convention Center. Lincoln County Commissioners will hold the official public hearing on the proposed Indigent Hospital/Health Care Ordinance at 10 a.m. during the regular meeting of Thursday, January

20, in their chambers in the courthouse in Carrizozo. New Mexico Human Services Department secretary Alex Valdez is scheduled to attend the "working review" meeting on January 5 in Ruidoso Convention Center. The working review is not an official meeting of the Lincoln County Commissioners, however, commissioners published notice that more than three of them may attend the workshop.

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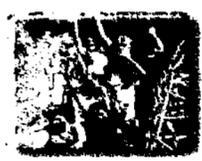
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## Obituary

A.N. SPENCER

Funeral service for A.N. Spencer, 75, of Alto was held December 20 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Mount in Ruidoso with the Rev. John Penn officiating. Dr. Spencer died December 16 in Las Cruces. He was born May 8, 1924 in Carrizozo. He attended New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell for high school and two years of college. He became a doctor and was a general practitioner in Carrizozo for 19 and a half years. Dr. Spencer married Jacqueline Everts Bancroft on November 27, 1954 in Albuquerque. Survivors include his wife; Jackie of Alto. He was a loving father to the children he adopted; Hugh Bancroft of Aspen, CO., Christopher Bancroft of Argyle, TX, and Kathryn Kavados of Waban MS and eight grandchildren.

*Happy New Year!*

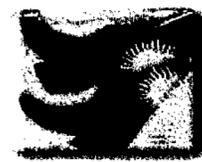


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**Calendar of Events**  
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Dec. 31-Jan. 1 ..... Millennium Festival Celebration. Downtown El Paso. 915-577-0994.  
Dec. 31 ..... Millennium Gala, El Paso Convention Center. 915-577-0994.  
\* Tickets for Festival and Gala are available through Ticket Master, 915-544-8444.

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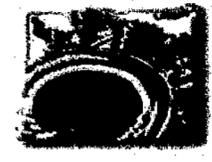


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**THOUGHTS**

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

**Circle The Wagons**

By Ruth Hammond

When the settlers headed west last century they faced many known and many more unknown dangers. Quite often when a danger would appear on the horizon a person would yell, "Circle the wagons!" and quickly the people in the wagon train would move their covered wagons into a circle. The families felt they were safer inside this circle.

Here at the end of 1999 with the big Y2K looming at us tomorrow night, the people are once again yelling about the need to "Circle the wagons!" and people are seeking safety inside this circle, usually their own homes. Some people are stashing food, drinking water, money, batteries, ammunition and weapons, and other sundry items they think they might need if the big bang or whatever happens at the stroke of midnight tomorrow. The big unknown Y2K.

Extra care has been taken by some people to make certain they will be able to survive the "dark days" of the Y2K situation. Governmental officials have assured the public that "everything is under control" which means that we will have to wait and see what happens. Even if you don't "Circle your wagons" tomorrow night, you may be wondering what will happen. There are numerous things that could happen, but probably won't. Many people say they think New Year's Day will be completely uneventful.

Realizing that there are things that could happen in other nations around the world, the experts assure us that New Mexico is 19 hours behind the first nations that will greet the year 2000. They say that if there are problems in other places around the world New Mexico will have 19 hours to hopefully correct the situation before it gets here.

Even if you don't believe the scaremongers about the dire things that could happen, you will probably want to know how things are going around the world. Some people will want to watch the gala New Years Eve party at Times Square in New York at midnight their time which is 10 p.m. our time. The estimates are that there will be three million people in Times Square tomorrow night at midnight. Can you imagine how many porta potties they will need for that many people? And how about the tons and tons of trash?

Before you make your final plans for tomorrow night, stop to think what would have happened last century if the settlers had never once yelled to "Circle the wagons!" but instead had yelled to "Square the wagons!" to everyone. That one phrase could have changed our entire outlook on life. As it is we tend to run around in circles and try to eat three square meals a day. If we ran around in squares and ate three circle meals we could be opposite of what we are now. We could be getting up at night and going to bed in the morning. We could be smiling when we are unhappy and frowning when we are happy. We could be backwards.

You may think the Y2K situation has been exaggerated and may be willing to ignore the entire hoopla. You may not be willing to "Circle your wagons" or even to "Square your wagons" or to stash food and water. But some of you might want to take every precaution against possible problems. Regardless of what you do, tomorrow is the last day of 1999 and we wish everyone a Happy New Year!

Circle the Squares

**Commissioners Reject Two Bids**

Lincoln County Commissioners during their regular December 16 meeting held in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo rejected bids for the construction of the new Bonito Volunteer Fire Department substation at the Ranches of Sonterra and for the extension of the sewer lines at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan.

The substation bid came in at \$218,500 without gross receipt taxes, and the department has only \$148,195 to spend on the station. County manager Tom Stewart said the Bonito fire chief requested the commissioners reject the bid and scale the designs back to better fit the funding available.

Contractor J.R. Brown who submitted the bid, said the project is overdesigned with a lot of luxury items such as two staircases to an unfinished room, radiant heat, rough in plumbing for a nonexistent laundry room, service pit, etc. "This is the second go round," Brown said. "Contractors are tired of bidding, because we spend hours putting in a bid." Brown then offered to work with the county to get the costs down about \$30,000. He

also said the county could lose a state grant for the station if the project is not going by April 15.

Morel said the county cannot award a bid if there is no budget. "Either put more in the budget or reject the bid," he said.

Stewart said architect Jim French did the drawings with the help of the fire chief. Stewart also said the reason for the April deadline is the state fire marshal comes to inspect and assign state fire ratings which affect the cost of fire insurance to home owners and businesses in the fire district.

County commissioner Ray Nunley suggested looking into a prefabricated building for the station.

As for the work at the fair grounds, commissioners rejected the only bid of \$5,200 from All American Mechanical because with gross receipt taxes the bid would be over the \$5,200 budgeted for the project. Also county commissioner Bill Schwettmann called the bid "unethical" because the owner of the company, Craig Whipple, is a member of the fair association board and is the manager of the fairgrounds.



**INSIDE THE CAPITOL**

**SANTA FE** - Gov. Gary Johnson has dropped out of his war on the war on drugs, at least for now, but not without taking a parting shot at the statistics used by his opponents.

The governor promised Republican lawmakers over a month ago that he would tone down his drug talk, but said he had to finish with scheduled appearances at schools and debates. Both the House and Senate Republican caucuses asked Johnson to cool it during the upcoming legislative session. They worry that his drug talk is an image problem for them and that it provides too much opportunity for Democrat mischief.

Republican lawmakers, all of whom have to run next year, also asked the governor to keep quiet throughout the entire 2000 campaign season, which means all the way to next November. But one thing at a time. As everyone knows, they'd like him to forget about drugs for the rest of his term, except that's three more years and who knows what can happen in that time.

How quiet will Johnson be? Smart money will never lay odds on what this governor will do. He has mentioned promoting legislation in the coming session to provide marijuana and methadone by prescription. He could be tweaked by a barb from a Democrat or a drug warrior, or his campaign for public discussion could catch on nationally. Articles on Johnson and his drug views are appearing in national magazines. National Public Radio and 60 Minutes are both planning segments on him.

But one thing Johnson won't be doing is debating district attorneys or any other drug warriors, as he did with Bemalillo County District Attorney Jeff Romero recently. During that debate Johnson and Romero laid out their "facts" about drugs, and to Johnson's complete amazement, they were 180 degrees apart. Johnson blamed the discrepancy on Romero not getting his facts straight and said there was no use debating anymore unless opponents could agree on the basic facts.

He's right, and there are ways to do that. Reports from the debate indicate that neither Johnson nor Romero was sufficiently grounded in the facts. Each approached the debate with diametrically opposing views, and each studied facts from sources they knew would support their arguments. Consequently, each was armed with pages of statistics to prove his points.

But statistics can be manipulated. "Massaged," as they call it in the business,

The statistics on both sides can all be completely correct, but both sets of statistics are misleading because both are calculated to make one side or the other look right.

And when these statistics are presented by advocates of one side or the other, qualifying statements often are omitted. And then reporters report them and commentators comment on them and more may get left out.

Johnson's and Romero's statistics were wildly divergent. According to Johnson 80 percent of the 1.6 million people arrested for drug-related crimes in the United States are in jail for possession. Romero says it is 1.3 percent nationally and zero in New Mexico. Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey, from whom Romero gets some of his statistics, says 9.1 percent of U.S. teenagers report having smoked marijuana, compared with 30.2 percent

in the Netherlands where marijuana has been decriminalized.

The Lindesmith Center, from which Johnson gets many of his statistics, says the figures should be 14 percent in the United States and 7 percent among Dutch teens.

Universities and other research organizations collect such data on a neutral basis, with no interest other than to provide correct statistics. Gov. Johnson could perform a great service as a catalyst for an unbiased look at what is going on.

New Mexico First, organized several years ago by Sens. Pete Domenici and Jeff Bingaman to study issues affecting New Mexico, takes unbiased looks at many topics by having a university compile the facts and then bringing together a broad cross-section of citizens to hammer out recommendations.

**County Rock Crusher**

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the crusher does not produce spec material. "It's not comparative to the material we (private enterprises) produce," White said. He agreed the crusher will take a lot of support equipment such as loaders, scales and conveyor. "This is a very high maintenance piece of equipment," White added. "And you need a very trained operator."

Bonnell had another concern about minerals rights. "A while back someone didn't have the mineral rights to a pit and the county was buying materials," Bonnell said. "Both the county and the supplier got in trouble."

After more discussion, Bonnell said he understands the county's need for base course on roads in the northern and western parts of the county. He suggested the county look into obtaining crushed pavement aggregate from the construction companies working on Highways 285 and 54.

Capitan citizen Lonnie Lippmann said he agreed with Martinez about the county competing with private business. Lippmann who operates an arts and crafts gift shop in Capitan, said he would be very concerned if the county went into the arts and crafts business. "But as a taxpayer I am concerned about the overall cost to the county," Lippmann said. "So the cheapest is the best."

White then offered to sit with commissioners on the decision making, to offer his experiences in the rock

business. "The question is can you produce it cheaper then you can purchase it for," White commented.

County commission chairman Rex Wilson said the county is looking for more efficiency in its road department.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann suggested White get with Simpson, "as this is his project and he's on a trail ride."

Citizen Duane Williams of Capitan asked how the crusher would affect the road department staffing. Road manager Albert Hernandez, who went to DeBaca County with Simpson to see the crusher there, said the county would use the base gravel on county roads and not sell it. Hernandez said it would not take any more county employees to operate the crusher. But he too had concerns, such as the percentage of materials lost in the crushing process.

County commissioner Ray Nunley asked Hernandez how many miles his Ford pick-up has on it, and how the department has no money to buy another. "If we buy a rock crusher we will have to buy more trucks to service it," Nunley said.

County commissioner Leo Martinez said this was an issue of private enterprise versus government. "I am against taking business away," Martinez said. He suggested the county get the private bidders to get more competitive. Martinez said he thought the private companies could produce the gravel cheaper than the county buying new trucks.



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Week of Dec. 30, 1999 through Jan. 5, 1999 AND Yearly Overview for 2000

**Capricorn:** (Dec 22-Jan 19) (This Week) You're Half-Way There. Keep Up the Good Work - Don't Look Back (Year 2000) This will be Like No Other Year You have Ever Had, You can Create the Good or the Bad. It's Up to You! Your Love Life can be GREAT if You Want it Bad Enough! \$\$\$? Work for It!

**Aquarius:** (Jan 20-Feb 18) (This Week) Don't Give Up Without a Fight! Your Instincts Say "So What!" Well? So Whatever. (Year 2000) Get Your Dreams Out and Dust Them Off. It's Time to Make Them Come True! Who You Were and Who You are Now are Two Different People. Love and \$\$\$ can Grow in the Strangest Places. Reap the Harvest!

**Pisces:** (Feb 19-Mar 20) (This Week) It's Time to Rest and Prepare for the New Year. (Year 2000) Picture this: You Against the World or You with the World? Give It Up. Your Big Heart will Open Doors You Never Expected in Your Wildest Dreams! Quit being Coy. Make this Year Like No Other.

**Aries:** (Mar 21-Apr 19) (This Week) You're Going in Circles. Hope You're Having Fun! (Year 2000) Now What was That You Said You were Going to Do in The New Millennium? Quit Talking About It and Do It! \$\$\$? You'll Make as Much as You Want with Determination, but Watch Out That It Does Not Become #1 Priority in Your Life or You Could Sacrifice Someone Dear to You! Focus on More Love and You'll Get Both.

**Taurus:** (Apr 20-May 20) (This Week) Your Bull-Headed Ways have Got to Go Even if You're Only Hurting Yourself. (Year 2000) Don't Make New Year's Resolutions if You Don't Intend to Keep them Because Your Luck and \$\$\$ are Growing so Don't Waste It! You'll be Giving a Lot of Yourself this Year but Will be Rewarded Because of Your Unselfish Acts, this Also Pertains to Love!

**Gemini:** (May 21-June 20) (This Week) You May be Feeling a Little Low Because You Know Deep Down Inside Something is About to Change. (Year 2000) Comes On Now, You have Done It Before - You Can Do It Again! You're Getting Good At It! For What It's Worth You Could have What You Want Except You Have to Know What It Is Before You Can Get It. Don't Give Up Your Dreams, but Don't Expect Anyone Else to Make Them Come True. You May be Moving This Year! New Love? Extra \$\$\$.

**Cancer:** (June 21-July 22) (This Week) Your Restless Ways are About to See Daylight. (Year 2000) Now You Can Open the Door and Walk Through... But With Every New Door Open, One Has to Close! You Better Be Sure What You Want Before You Let Go of the Past. Your Love Will Survive! Invest Your \$\$

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# Fort Stanton FACTS and FICTION

by BETTY LOU JOINER



KEEPING TIGHT REINS: Wranglers for the "Last Cattle Drive of the Millennium" worked to keep the herd of about 500 head of cattle under control as they rode into Lincoln, the end of the trail, on Monday.

Betty Lou Joiner get our mail there participating in this once in a lifetime dream. Rick and April Simpson, the trail boss and his wife, Sid Alford, Ray

Glenice well represented at the Last Great Cattle Drive with several of us who

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Barela, organizers Leslie Thomas, chef Cherie Hobbs, Lincoln Postmaster and Pat and myself were just a few of the many people, who were involved with this successful drive of cattle across the many ranches from Roswell to Lincoln.

God was helping Rick and April all the way with the weather all too perfect for the month of December. Several days during the ride many said the wind was blowing like a cyclone just over the hill or just down the road but where we were at it was almost perfect.

As we gathered at the Club House, in Roswell on Dec. 14, everyone wondered what the week ahead was going to be like. Many had never seen each other that night but at the end of the trail, so many new friendships had been made. The Graham brothers played for the big beginning, the ground crew was given orders about the moving of each camp and the importance of keeping all the land just like it was when we found it with no paper, cans, trash, or other stuff left behind.

Rick divided us down the middle with about 18 people on two teams. One worked one day and the others rode and then switched. At the actual moving of the tents and trailers only six to eight showed to take on this big job. I know there were over 50 sleeping bags and other bags of stuff people needed for the week long camp. A small price to pay to get to spend a week, watching and learning about the good old ways. We began to see just how fast we could pull and drive all the stakes and load the large number of sleeping bags and items.

The TV cameras were filming the start and Mr. Bowen and the Bogies were introduced as the main participants who were furnishing the livestock. The names of the many ranchers who supported this drive were also mentioned as without them none of this would have ever been a reality. Several who are going to be writing books about the drive were there, many media people, and lots of just ordinary folks hoping to recreate a part of the past in the southern part of our great state of NM.

Early morning came with the chuck wagons breakfast tasting really good to a large crowd. Sam Donaldson had the filming crews all ready to announce "Good Morning America" to the whole USA. The food was gone in a heartbeat, horses were saddled, riders mounted, and the livestock was turned toward the Capitan Mountains.

Two very brave camera operators were the first ones to be hollering WHOA! as one of the horses one was riding took off towards the highway. Holding on to his equipment and not pulling on the reins the horse was not interested in slowing down, but soon he was stopped and the camera guy got things relocated and off we went again.

Many in cars got to follow-

ing along and see how things went with the cattle being driven by the highway. An army nurse, two engineers, a general, old young, fat skinny, men and women dudes, and several real cowboys made up the 75 to 80 riders.

Uyless Davis, a black postal worker representing the Buffalo Soldiers, was carrying 75 pieces of mail. He is a mail handler in El Paso, Texas. If we would have only done a special pictorial cancellation for this event. The postal service missed a big opportunity to get in some good publicity. Mr. Davis's daughter and wife were elated to get to ride about three miles on two horses that were along for Dr. Red Duke and his son. They had car trouble and didn't make it till later. This morn and daughter said this was the best part of the drive for them.

Another interesting fact was one rider had this paid for by his kids. A very good present. About a mile from the start the cameras were set up and some of "Bowen and Bogle" cowboys (Eddie Davis and Wendell Brown) headed and heeled a couple of baby calves out of the herd. One of the Bowen cowboys placed the calf on the saddle and showed how they carried many that got too tired to keep up.

The two pack mules with April Simpson on board were a sight. She weighs about 100 pounds and kept both of those mules straight all five days. She could barely get on and off but always was rearing to go.

At the first lunch stop we had burritos and cokes with the lunch being late as the cattle, had moved faster than expected with no run-a-ways or mishaps. Cutting out two different herds, we started on into the first camp site which was at the Marley Whitney Ranch.

The first day was a little boring with the waiting of the setting up of the cameras but again worth every minute. Only one rider was thrown with a horse ready to get to camp before the rider had wanted him to. Not hurt, he was back in the saddle and on in to camp just a little sore.

The tents and warm fires were a great gathering place to visit and watch Sam Donaldson practice his talking about the ride and what would be served for supper. Ralph, his foreman, was all decked out in a suit coat and ready for the world to see what a real cowboy looks like.

The food was ready shortly with beans, brisket, potatoes, and biscuits being served to many riders and friends. Off to bed in the cool night air, we all thanked Laura and Bob for the permission to camp on their place the first night.

Breakfast was once again prepared with good biscuits and scrambled eggs and hot coffee. Mounted and ready to ride, the cattle were soon in route to the next camp ground about 12 miles down the road.

Bob Marley was out in his airplane and was checking his livestock and waters. This was quite a sight.

Tracker Bowden, four years old, was on this ride being the youngest one that rode. He was a little slow at first but soon had everything all figured out with Daddy and Grandpa riding by his side.

April and I stopped a couple of times to shed a little clothing. The cool morning air had soon become very warm and felt great. Stopping about five or six miles into the second day, we held the cattle while another burrito and cold drink was served to the riders. The porta potties came out on a trailer and many were made a little nervous with the

ropes being thrown while you were inside.

I found a very interesting person in Leon Kirkpatrick who owned border collies. He told me in the three years he had owned her, this was the first time he had been away from her. Teresa Thomas has agreed to keep her since the rules were no dogs in camp. He was from Indiana and was the horse shoer in case we had some horses throw a shoe.

The Studdards were our hosts at this camp site and it was a different sight to see the mountain in the far distance just barely visible. It really seemed like a very desolate place to me, but for that evening there was a lot of activity.

At this camp I got out my quilt blocks and started the quilt with participants of the Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium. The blocks were carried in my saddle bags on the days I rode. Dr. Duke was one of the first ones signing and drawing a picture.

This was where I learned a few of the names of our many new friends. Another couple, Bob and Nadine Walker, became favorites of all. She reminds you of Loretta Lynn and he never quit smiling and was one of those REAL COWBOYS. You could tell by looking at his chaps, his horse, his face, his saddle and etc., that this old boy had been there and done it all. When I got them to sign the block he asked Pat to draw this picture of his horse.

At the next camp Loretta was honored with a kiss from Mr. Donaldson for her yodeling. She and Bob both nearly fainted when he gave her a peck on the cheek. It took them both two days to calm down.

Bob was amazed that Pat's drawing of the horse he wanted looked just like it, especially since Pat had never seen it.

The EMT rider, the two camera guys, Laura Marley, Jerry Long, Ray Barela, and Katy Bowen, Mr. Mirion from San Patricio, Wendy

Smidht, a nurse from El Paso, Tex from Colorado, and Pete and Aimee Baca from Ruidoso Downs, were others writing interesting facts on the blocks. Going through them on the way home the next day, I felt I knew many of the riders much better.

Mr. Cherry arrived with his friend Bob Barker and entertained us with some good guitar music at this camp. Pat, Rick and Teresa Thomas sang some of the good old songs written by Merle Haggard, Willie Nelson and Marty Robbins. The meal of chicken fried steak, beans, potatoes and peach cobbler was enjoyed by everyone who showed up at the second camp. Bob LaRue took some good pictures of this camp while standing on top of the water truck. These should be very good.

To bed with beautiful weather still holding the next morning was once again another interesting day. On the way to this camp to move tents, Pat and I were late as a cattle truck had turned over and stopped traffic for several hours. We helped move the many vehicles on to the Nelson Camp which was lots of fun with nearly six or eight gates to open to get in and out of this camp. We had lots of fun chopping and digging cactus out of the way for the tents to be put up. A few little hills made this much better with a little protection against the winds.

Here is where Reba, the border collie, came and met up with her owner Leon. They were so happy to see each other and thru the rest of the ride she was on the back of his saddle. Not sure which was happiest to see each other, the dog or Leon.

The fires at this camp were extra warm and cozy. Some salsa that the cooks made was the best I have ever eaten. We tried it after getting the tents up. Spread it on crackers it was better than any meal you have ever had. Poetry and Billy the Kid info was the entertainment

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ELECTION RESOLUTION  
VILLAGE OF CAPITAN

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Capitan 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. One Trustee for a four year term
2. One Trustee for a four year term
C. Precinct Three (3) is for the regular municipal election.
D. The following location is designated as the polling place to conduct the regular municipal election:
1. Voters in Precinct three (3) shall vote at the Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street.
E. Absentee Voting: Any qualified elector of the Village of Capitan shall obtain only his or her application for an absentee ballot, 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.
K. Absentee voting shall be by paper ballot.
L. At least one voting machine shall be used at the polling place for the designated precinct.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 15th day of December, 1999.

Norm Renfro, Mayor
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ATTEST:
Kathryn R. Griffin
Village Clerk

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RESOLUCION 99-13  
RESOLUCION DE ELECCION  
PUEBLO DE CAPITAN

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Capitan que:

- A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 7 de Marzo de 2000. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertos al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 a.m. y las 7:00 p.m.
B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:
1. Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años
2. Un Fiduciario por un termino de cuatro años
C. El precinto tres (3) para la eleccion municipal regular.
D. El siguiente localidad son como locales para votar en la eleccion municipal regular:
1. Los votantes en el Precinto tres (3) votaran en Lincoln County Fair Building, 101 West Fifth Street, on Capitan, Nuevo Mexico.
E. Votacion en ausencia: Todo votante calificado de el Pueblo de Capitan obtendra unicamente su solicitud para obtener una boleta 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 boleta para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 2 de Marzo de 2000. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 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 por correo o en persona, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 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 a las 8:00 a.m. el 16 de Febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 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 de Lincoln no mas tarde que el martes, 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, 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 por anticipado en maquinas para votar.
K. Ausente boletas son en papel.
L. Por los menos, una maquina para votar se usara en el lugar de votacion para los precintos designados.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 15th de Diciembre de 1999.

Norm Renfro, Alcalde
Leroy Montes
Debra Ingle
John Whitaker
Henny Coker

Kathryn R. Griffin
Escribana Municipal

(SELLO)
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NOTICE is hereby given that on December 13, 1999, James Sanchez, Box 67, Lincoln, NM 88338, file application No. 01401 & H-206 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change place or purpose of use of 3.25 acre-foot per annum of surface waters of the Bonito River via the North Laws Ditch, which diverts at a point located in the SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., and supplemental well H-206 located in the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 1.0 acre of land located in part of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of said 3.25 acre-foot per annum of surface waters for the irrigation of 1.0 acre of land located in part of the NW 1/4 of section 33, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant states a pipeline is in place to pipe water across the Rio Bonito from the North Laws Ditch to the proposed place of use. Said pipeline is also used to pipe water from well H-206 to supplemental said water rights.

The points of diversion are located in the Village of Lincoln, Lincoln County, New Mexico.

Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be detrimental to the objector's water right shall have standing to file objections or protests. Any person, firm or corporation or other entity objecting that the granting of the application will be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state and showing that the objector will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application shall have standing to file objections or protests. Provided, however, that the State of New Mexico or any of its branches, agencies, departments, boards, instrumentalities or institutions, and all political subdivisions of the state and their agencies, instrumentalities and institutions shall have standing to file objections or protests. The objections or protest shall be in writing and shall set forth specific reasons why the application should not be approved and must be filed, in triplicate, with Thomas C. Turney, State Engineer, 1800 W. Second St., Roswell, New Mexico, 88201, not later than ten (10) days after the date of the last publication of this Notice. If no valid objection or protest is filed, the state engineer will evaluate the application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe
Published in the Lincoln County News on December 23 and 30, 1999; and January 6, 2000.

ELECTION RESOLUTION  
VILLAGE OF CORONA  
RESOLUTION #99-20

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Corona 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 elections, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:
1. One Councilman for a four year term.
2. One Councilman for a four year term.
C. The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:
1. Voters in Precinct One shall vote at Corona Village Hall, Hwy. 54 and Main Street.
D. Absentee Voting: Any qualified elector of the Village of Corona 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 Friday, March 7, 2000.
E. Early Voting: Early voting will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk, during the regular hours and days of business, Monday through Thursday. Early voting will begin on Wednesday, February 16, 2000 and will close at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 3, 2000.
F. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election, must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 8, 2000 at 5:00 P.M., the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.
G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 11, 2000 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on printed paper ballots.
I. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors who are voting early shall be recorded on printed paper ballots.
Adopted and approved this 9th day of December, 1999.

ERNEST LUERAS, Mayor
ATTEST:
CATHY MUNIZ, Municipal Clerk
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RESOLUCION DE ELECCION  
DE LA ALDEA DE CORONA  
RESOLUCION NUM. #99-20

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Aldea de Corona que:

- A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 7 de marzo de 2000. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertos al publico entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M.
B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos seran elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:
1. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro años.
2. Un Regido por un termino de cuatro años.
C. Las siguientes localidades se designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:
1. Los votantes en el Recinto Consolidado Uno votaran en oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, Hwy. 54 and Main Street.
D. Votacion en Ausencia: todo votante calificado de la Aldea de Corona obtendra unicamente su solicitud para obtener una boleta 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 boleta para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 P.M. el 2 de marzo de 2000. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 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 por correo o en persona, hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de marzo de 2000.
E. 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 jueves. La votacion por anticipado empezara el miercoles, 16 de febrero de 2000 y terminara a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 3 de marzo de 2000.

F. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln no mas tarde que el martes, 8 de febrero de 2000 a las 5:00 P.M., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.
G. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 11 de Enero de 2000 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.
H. Se hara un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados en boletas de papel.
I. Se inscribiran los votos emitidos por los votantes calificados de la municipalidad que votan por anticipado en boletas de papel.
Adoptada y aprobada este dia 9 de diciembre de 1999.

ERNEST LUERAS, Alcalde
De Fe:
CATHY MUNIZ, Escribana Municipal
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NOTICE OF INVITATION  
FOR PROPOSALS

NOTICE is hereby given that competitive sealed proposals 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 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 12, 2000, at which time and place the proposals will be opened and publicly read aloud. Proposals not received by the time and date indicated above will not be accepted for consideration and will be returned unopened.

PROPOSAL NO. 99-00-028  
LEGAL SERVICES FOR  
THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will review the bids and make their final determination during a regular County Commission meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse.

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

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

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

JANE WILLIAMS  
County Purchasing Agent  
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Public Land Use Advisory Council will hold their regular meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2000. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Room of the Courthouse in Carrizozo.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
II. Roll Call/Introductions
III. Approval of Minutes
IV. NEW BUSINESS
A. Election of Officers
B. Set meeting dates
C. Adopt Open Meetings Act

- D. Discussion - MOU - Dept. Game & Fish - Mr. Ron Porter, Chavez County FLUAC
E. USFS - Roadless Initiative - Ron Hannan, Forest Planner
F. Draft USDA Forest Service Strategic Plan 2000 Revision
G. Discussion - correspondence received.
V. ADJOURN

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC  
NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that the Governing  
Body of the Town of  
Carrizozo will hold their  
Regular Scheduled Meeting  
on January 11, 2000 at  
6:00 p.m., City Hall Conference  
Room, Carrizozo,  
New Mexico 88301.

AGENDA WILL BE  
POSTED in accordance  
with Resolution 1999-26,  
Twenty-Four hours prior  
to meeting date and made  
available to the public.

If you are an individual  
with a disability who is  
in need of a reader, amplifier,  
qualified sign language  
interpreter, or any other  
form of auxiliary aid or  
service to attend or participate  
in the hearing or meeting,  
please contact  
Carol Schlarb or Margaret  
LaBelle at (505) 648-2371, City Hall,  
Carrizozo, New Mexico at  
least one week prior to the  
meeting or as soon as possible.

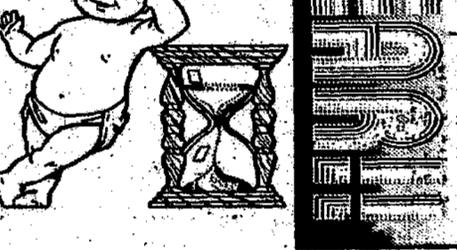
Carol Schlarb,  
CMA/AAE  
Town Clerk  
Town of Carrizozo

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Church Directory

- Mountain Ministry Parish, Sierra Blanca Presbytery
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.
Adult Bible Study & Youth Fellowship: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.
Spirit of Life Apostolic Pentecostal Tabernacle
ALLAN M. MILLER, pastor
209 Lincoln Ave., Capitan, NM 354-2028
Tuesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Sunday Evening: 6:00 pm
First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, pastor
316 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648-2028 (church) or 648-2107
Sunday School: 9:45 am
Worship Service: 10:55 am
Sun. Evening: Training at 6:15 pm
Evening Worship: 7:15 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Carrizozo Community Church (A/O)
JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, pastor
Corner of C Ave. & Third Street, 648-2156
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, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart: 8:00 pm
Carrizozo Santa Rita: 8:30 pm
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart: 8:00 am
Carrizozo Santa Rita: 10:30 am
Corona Sacred Heart: 1:00 p.m.
Church - Christ
PERRY ZUMWALT, minister
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School: 10:00 am
Worship Service: 11:00 am
Evening Worship: 7:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, pastor
Corner of E. Ave. & 5th, Carrizozo, NM 1-505-857-2356
Holy Eucharist: 9:30 am Sunday

The Word of Life Church
REV. CHUCK FULTON, pastor / 648-2339
711 E. Ave., Carrizozo, NM
Affiliated w/ the Evangelistic Assembly Church
Sunday: 7:00 p.m.

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

United Methodist Churches
TOM WOODWARD, pastor
1000 S. Ave., 648-2853/648-2646
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 1st Sunday of Month 12:30 pm
Adult Sunday School: 6:30 am
Worship Service: 9:15 am
Children's Sunday School: 9:30 am
Fellowship Time: 10:15 am
Adult Sunday School: 11:00 am
Choir Practice (Tuesday): 7:00 pm
Fellowship Dinner Every Third Sunday Handmaidens (Ecumenical Women's Group) 1st and 3rd Tuesday: 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Fellowship
ED VINSON, pastor (inter-denominational)
514 Broadway Blvd., Capitan
Prayer, Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, minister
5th & Lincoln 7 090-4627
Sunday Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church
Phone: 354-2044
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
AWANA Wednesday: 6:00 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
CAL WEST, pastor / 849-7978
Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner: First Sunday of Month

Sands RV Park & Motel
THIS SPACE FOR RENT
Jerry and Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler
Stearns Insurance Agency
Rainbow Inn



# FORT STANTON

## Facts and Fiction

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at these campfires. Again several to bed a little early with the weather still cooperating.

The next morning the breakfast was once again ready with enough biscuits to share to take in your saddle bags. Pat had been riding Silky and I was riding Kersti's horse, Dollar.

This morning he was riding Butterbean and I was on Silky. Four or five miles into this day Butterbean let loose and nearly lost Pat. Rick said one more jump and he would have hit the dirt. Pat said he never knew why he did that unless he was just ticked off. Pat's back is still a little sore from these rough jumps.

Just before we got to the place where the new cattle were brought we saw over 40 head of deer. The camera men were too far back for this, but it would sure have added to the filming.

Shortly we were at the pens where the fresh cattle were unloaded and the other cattle loaded and taken to the Gutierrez arena. Here the winds blew in with the clouds and it really got cold. Probably the most miserable weather in the whole trip. But as soon as it turned cold the sun had come out and once again it was warm and nice.

With the fresh cattle and going down some rough hills, some of the novice riders didn't make this short trip. One of the Bowen cowboys's horse slipped on some rocks going down this route and some thought he had broken an ankle. After being checked out, he was O.K. and off the riders went. Very

fast with the Bogle cowboys back riding they made a fast trip into Sam Donaldson's camp.

This was really a great evening with Sam and Jan visiting with everyone and excellent food being served to lots of people. This is where the yodeling and several others sang some more good old songs before going to bed.

The next morning one of the Bowen cowboys' daughter played my fiddle and made beautiful music. She played *Faded Love*, *Amazing Grace*, and several other songs. With a cheap fiddle, cold fingers, and no rosin, she did an excellent job. Bill Jones gave the short sermon and off to the Phillips camp we all went.

A large dog came and greeted us as we set up the tents. Many commented he was big enough to head and heel. Several of us helped peel two cases of potatoes for the 300 people expected. This was a lot of potatoes. A large crowd came to this camp with it much closer to the highway and easier to find. Thanks to Richard and Lisa Phillips, we were once again grateful to many who cooperated.

Many neat things about this ride for me were traveling across much of the land where Pat had ridden as a young boy; Wilbur McKnight, Martha McKnight Proctor's dad, had taken him riding when he was a very young boy down the canyon where we camped at Sam Donaldson's. Then when we got to Phillips, it brought back many memories when Edgar Phillips had always

called on him to help him gather cows when he was also very young. These two men Pat considers teaching him a lot that he has learned in his lifetime.

The Flying J Wranglers and Agatha Long entertained us with some real good music. The crowd was gone, the riders to bed, and sorry that this week that had so many interesting things happen was coming to an end very soon.

Into Lincoln the next day the streets were full with many coming to view the site of the many longhorns and other cattle going down the main street of Lincoln. Katy Bowen's horse shied when she snapped a picture, with a flash and threw her on the pavement. She bruised her hip but was otherwise O.K.

Jan Donaldson's horse acted up too but she was O.K. also. Everyone commented this was so good that only three or four little mishaps occurred in this full six days of riding with many inexperienced riders. The best meal of the trip was served by Leslie Thomas and her crew at her restaurant in Lincoln. She did an excellent job and the food was delicious.

The final Fandango was held at the civic center on Tuesday night with Jody Nix playing. A good crowd came but many of the riders had to go home and were not able to attend the final party. Missing many who had ridden, everyone danced and reminisced about the week's events.

The final auction of the long horn will be soon and many will never forget the "Last Great Cattle Drive of the Millennium."

Ground crews were Katy and Chester, Colt Van Winkle, Nadine Walker, Aimee and Pete Baca, Betty and Pat Joiner, Joe Sanchez, L. D. Jaimeson.

# CORONA NEWS

Christmas activities kept this person from getting in any Corona News for the last two weeks. I stayed in town after dark one night and went by and picked up Johnnie Erramouspe and we toured Corona to see the lights. We were amazed how many lights there were up in town.

Starting on main street was the Corona Mini Mart with icicle lights hung around the mart, and then a manger scene set up in the yard, Freight Of All Kinds had icicle lights up, Gayle May had her house lit up, Corona Zia Senior Center had lights on their rails and a Christmas tree lit and used candy canes for decorations, Corona Trading Company, Doug's Bar, U.S. Post Office, Owens had their railings all lit up and red bows, which the Corona Community Action Committee helped with.

Around and about town the following people had the outside of their houses lit up: Palomarez, Ronnie Dunsforth, Lane Widner, John Tracey, John Marshall, Ms. Margie Luerd, Lee Mulkey, Randy Lueras, Marcella Chavez, A.J. Gibbs, Thomas Huey, Alvin James.

Also decorated was Ollie Dee's stores, and the La Cocina de Corona Cafe was decorated with icicle lights and luminaries. If there weren't lights up outside you could see the Christmas tree lights inside. It certainly did lift up the spirits to see such spirit and beauty about

town. We had a visitor in town and they were impressed to see so much in a little town and stated that Corona was a "quaint" little town and we should be very proud of it.

The Corona Public School held its annual Christmas program on Dec. 13 in the Corona School auditorium. Prelude piano music was by Rebekah Brown - 3rd grader, and electronic Christmas cards were shown that were done by the 3rd thru 6th graders. Welcome was given by principal Travis Lightfoot. Star Spangled Banner was sung by the 3rd-6th graders, and they asked the audience to accompany them in the singing.

Jingle Bells was performed by the pre-schoolers, Santa Gets Ready by pre-schoolers and kindergarten classes, Christmas music by kindergarten, 1st and 2nd grades; medley of Christmas music was performed by the 3rd thru 6th graders, then an assortment of Christmas songs were performed by the Jr. high and high school students. Sherrill Bradford played the music for the program this year and she played a big part in organizing the Christmas play along with elementary staff.

The program was repeated on Dec. 16 for the Corona Zia Senior Citizens Center, along with others that were not able to attend on the 13th. After both programs refreshments were served by the Corona

PTO. \*\*\*\*\*

Students at Corona Public Schools were busy the month of December preparing for the Christmas program, basketball tournaments, and final exams. School let out on December 22 and will resume on January 3.

Cedarvale held their annual Christmas party on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at noon in the club house. Approximately 40 people were in attendance. The meat was furnished by the Quilting Club, and everyone else brought potluck. The piano was played by Thomasina Romans, and Janelle Kane furnished special music. Mike Kessler read a Christmas story and Julie Kessler read a poem about the 12 days of Christmas.

Byron and Cathy Yancey made a trip to Wichita Falls, TX before Christmas to see Byrons' sister, Rene Addams and niece DeAnna Choate. Accompanying them was Cathy's mother Bernice McCord, who went on to Nocona, TX to visit a cousin.

Guests of Roxanne and Joseph Erramouspe for Christmas dinner were the Todd Tatum from Logan; Johnnie Erramouspe, Sherry and Rachael Lueras from Corona; and a cousin of Roxanne's from Texas. Joseph, Roxanne, and

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**Tide Ultra**  
92-100 OZ.  
**5.99**

**THE BIG SALE**

**2 FOR 1**

**Shurfine Milk**  
GALLON  
**1.99**

**Shurfine Sodas**  
2 LTR.  
**79¢**

**Blackeye Peas**  
15 OZ.  
**4\$1 FOR 1**

**Potato Chips**  
REG. \$2.99  
**1.99**

**Tostitos Chips**  
REG. \$3.29  
**1.99**

**Santa Fe Salsa**  
15 OZ.  
**1.69**

**Crisco Oil**  
48 OZ.  
**1.79**

**FANCY & FRESH**  
**Lemons & Limes**  
**10 \$1 FOR 1**

- ROASTED OR SALTED Peanuts 16 OZ. **1.39**
- SAVE ON Blackeye Peas 15 OZ. **99¢**
- CELLO WRAPPED Lettuce EA. **69¢**
- FRESH HOT Jalapenos LB. **69¢**
- GREEN Cabbage LB. **19¢**
- GREEN Onions 4 FOR **1.00**
- GREEN SKIN Avocados 3 FOR **1.00**
- MEDIUM WHITE Onions 4 LBS. **1.00**
- RED Grapefruit 3 FOR **89¢**
- SAVE ON Tomatoes LB. **79¢**

**FROZEN**  
**BLUE BUNNY ASSORTED Sherbet**  
1/2 GAL. SQ.  
**1.99**

**WE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**SATURDAY, JAN. 1st and**  
**SUNDAY, JAN. 2nd, 2000.**

- MORE MEAT SPECIALS**
- BEEF Stew Meat LB. **1.99**
  - BONELESS BEEF Short Ribs LB. **1.89**
  - FRESH Ground Chuck LB. **1.79**
  - ASSORTED Morrison Mixes 3 6 OZ. **1.00**
  - SHURFINE Blackeye Peas 2 16 OZ. **1.00**
  - BETTY CROCKER ASSORTED MICROWAVE Pop\*Secret Popcorn 2 3 PK. **3.00**

**Shurfine Mixers** 1 LTR. **2\$1 FOR 1**

**Ripe Olives** 3.5 LTR. **2\$1 FOR 1**

**PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF**  
**Arm Roast** LB. **1.29**

**FRESH BOSTON BUTT Pork Roast** **99¢**

**TRIMMED BONELESS BEEF Loin Strip** LB. **3.59**

**SALTED Pork Jowls** LB. **69¢**

**PREFERRED TRIM BONELESS BEEF Arm Charcoal Steak** LB. **1.59**

# STURGES VENTURE

PRICES EFFECTIVE: Dec. 30 to Jan. 5, 2000  
NEW HOURS: Monday thru Saturday 8:30am - 7:00pm  
Sunday: 9:00am - 3:00pm

**GROCERY & MARKET**  
"WE ACCEPT U.S.D.A. FOOD STAMPS"

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We Accept W.I.C. Checks — We Honor EBT Cards for Food and Cash