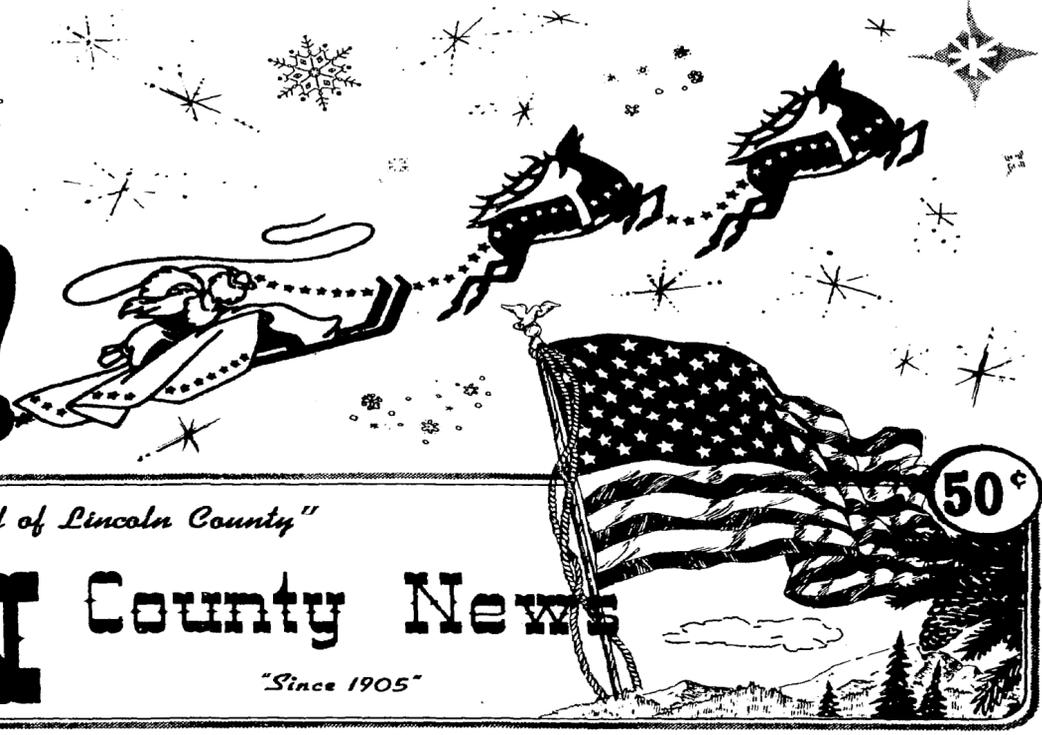


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Capitan Village To Host Open House Friday

Village of Capitan is hosting an open house from 2-4 p.m. Friday, December 21. Village officials are hoping to have the entire building open for the event. Everyone is invited to drop by for refreshments and to see the new village hall facilities.

Community Sing Dec. 23 At Carrizozo Assembly of God

The community is invited to attend singing, and performance of "It's All About Jesus" play at 4 p.m. Sunday, December 23, at Carrizozo Assembly of God.

Capitan Chamber Announces Lighting Contest Winners

James and Joann Lopez are the residential winners of the Capitan Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lighting Contest. Wright's RV Park won the commercial lighting category. Each winner will receive a \$50 certificate redeemable at at Capitan business.

Holiday Trash Pickup Schedule

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) will take Christmas Day off, with no trash pick up on Tuesday, December 25.

The pickup schedule for Christmas week is as follows:

Monday, December 24:
Commercial pick up to begin.

Wednesday, December 26:
Commercial pick up continues to finish.

Residential and other poly carts will be picked up in Ruidoso Downs.

Thursday, December 27:
Residential and other poly carts will be picked up in Carrizozo and on the north side of Smokey Bear Blvd. in Capitan.

Friday, December 28:
All remaining residential and other poly carts in Capitan.



MERRY CHRISTMAS from the staff of Lincoln County News!! Wintery, snow covered hills near Carrizozo remind everyone that it is the Christmas holiday season. Winter Solstice is December 21, the shortest day of the year. Carrizozo will celebrate Christmas Eve with its annual luminaria display beginning at sundown. Old Lincoln town will also have a farolito display on Christmas Eve.

LCSWA Supervisor Get Raise

by Doris Cherry

The Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) board voted unanimously to give operational supervisor Debra Ingle a raise.

During their meeting December 18, the LCSWA board approved a resolution to adjust the 2001-02 fiscal year budget to reflect an additional \$28,000 for salaries in the administration department. Ingle said the additional money will pay for another billing clerk in the office, and put another \$20,000 into the operational supervisor salary budget for the remainder of the fiscal year (beginning January 1, 2002).

With the additional \$20,000, Ingle's annual salary will be \$40,000.

In November, the LCSWA board hired Ingle as operational supervisor at a salary of \$20,000 a year, with a contingency for additional salary if there was enough in revenues in the budget at the fiscal mid-year (December). Ingle was chosen as the best of five applicants who responded to an advertisement for the position. The position was advertised as paying \$20,000 a year.

At the meeting Tuesday in the LCSWA offices in Ruidoso Downs, newly appointed Capitan represen-

tative to the LCSWA board, trustee John Whitaker, asked how they could raise Ingle's salary, since it was advertised at \$20,000 a year. He said he thought Ingle deserved more than \$20,000 a year salary, but he was concerned that others may have applied for the job if it was made known to them the salary could have been more than \$20,000.

LCSWA finance officer Beverly Foote said the LCSWA board only budgeted \$20,000 for the supervisor position. "We couldn't advertise for more than what we had in the bud-

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Please, No Ashes In Dumpsters!

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) has been experiencing a number of dumpster fires in recent days.

LCSWA operational supervisor Debra Ingle told *THE NEWS* that on Wednesday, December 19, volunteers with the Bonito Fire Department responded to a dumpster fire at Fawn Ridge. The fire had been started by hot ashes.

Ingle said the dumpster fires began occurring when the weather turned cold, and seem to happen more often when there are a lot of visitors in the county.

"Please never put ashes in a dumpster with your trash," Ingle cautioned. "We've had six dumpster fires in recent days, all in areas that are prone to wildfire."

LCSWA has special "ash only" dumpsters at Cedar Creek, Sun Valley, Alto Maintenance Shop and two other locations.

Ingle also said if residents are concerned about a potential for fire hazard they can call the LCSWA office at 378-4697 and request an ash dumpster. The ash dumpsters are all metal, smaller size and have locked lids with holes to dump ashes.

Ingle said the ash dumpsters are being utilized.

"If residents request an ash dumpster, we will build one as soon as we can," Ingle added.

"When cleaning ashes out of fireplaces and wood stoves, place the ashes in a metal container and put outside for more than 24 hours, suggested Ingle.

"Never put ashes in a plastic or paper container to throw into the regular trash dumpsters," Ingle added.

As an added precaution, LCSWA collection truck drivers are now carrying water, to extinguish any

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Democrats Suggest Redistricting Concept

by Doris Cherry

Lincoln County Commissioners are scheduled to take action on a county commission redistricting proposal during their meeting being held today, Thursday, December 20.

Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart told *THE NEWS* on Wednesday that demographer Rod Adair was to be at the county meeting early in the agenda today because Adair has a deposition to give at 1:30 p.m. in court in Roswell. Adair also was in federal court on Wednesday testifying in the state and federal redistricting lawsuit, Stewart said.

County commissioners are to consider several proposed county commission redistricting options. Among those is a concept presented by the Democratic Party of Lincoln County to commissioners at a public hearing on the redistricting held in Ruidoso Convention Center on December 13.

At that hearing Lincoln County Democrats presented their concept of a more politically and socio-economically balanced county commission District 2, drafted as a response to a comment by Adair at the November 29 redistricting workshop that there is no chance for a democratic district in Lincoln County.

Charles Rennick of Ruidoso, who lives in county commission District 2, said the democratic proposal has a more balanced number of Democrats and Republicans and would give someone of either party equal chance at an office, as well as giving people with no party declaration or those who are members of an Independent party, more voice. The concept would combine precincts 10 and 11, which are in the southern portions of Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs, into District 2.

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Candidates for Municipal Offices File January 8th

Municipal Elections are on March 5, 2002.

Registered voters who reside within a municipality are eligible to be candidates. The mayor positions are open in all municipalities in Lincoln County.

Tuesday, January 8, 2002 is the filing date for all candidates for municipal office. Potential candidates must file between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on January 8 at the office of their respective municipal clerk's office.

When filing, potential candidates must complete a declaration of candidacy form and provide a certified copy of their current affidavit of voter registration on file with the Lincoln County Clerk. The affidavit is available from the office of the Lincoln County Clerk in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

Absentee voting for the

municipal elections begins on February 6 and ends at 5 p.m. February 28. Absentee voting will be done on paper ballots. Only the qualified voter may pick up and deliver to the municipal clerk their own application for absentee ballot and the actual ballot. The process can be done through the mail, but no other person may hand deliver an application or ballot.

Early voting begins at 8 a.m. February 13 and ends at 5 p.m. March 1 at the offices of the municipal clerks.

On Tuesday, March 5, the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Contact your municipal clerk for location of voting polls.

Elections are being held in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs for mayors, trustees and councilors. Call your respective municipal clerk for the positions to be elected.

LCSWA Supervisor

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get," Foote said.

Several of the applicants did ask for higher salaries, Foote added.

Ingle said LCSWA has come from being \$392,000

in the red to having \$48,000 in the bank to begin the new calendar year. "We were making payroll," Ingle said. "But we weren't paying the bills."

Whitaker commented the positive financial report is also due to the two trash collection increases, additional fuel charge and the downsized personnel. "I have no problem in increasing the salary, because I think Debra is doing a good job and everyone I talk to says she is doing a good job," Whitaker said. "I'm just not sure how you arrived at the increase."

Ingle said there was no money budgeted for a

manager, and that position was removed from the personnel policy and replaced with the "operational supervisor."

Whitaker commented he thought the title "operational supervisor" was good.

Ruidoso Downs representative on the LCSWA board, Jake Harris, said, "We have a better manager now since I have been part of this board. And she's (Ingle) not receiving the revenue. I believe she should get what we paid to the managers in the past. She's just as entitled as they."

"This old feller goes by what is right and wrong. If (former managers) Jerry Wright and Rick Simpson were worth \$50,000 a year, then she's (Ingle) worth \$50,000 a year," Harris added.

Acting LCSWA board chair Modesto Chavez responded, "She's worth more than they were."

Ingle said part of the \$28,000 increase in administration for the last six months of the fiscal year (starting January 1 to June 31, 2002) is for the additional clerk. "We need someone to help do audits on more than 6,000 county accounts," Ingle said. Currently it takes three years for LCSWA to get information from the county assessor's office on new manufactured and mobile homes moved into Lincoln County. And it takes about a year to get information about constructed homes, Ingle said she is working

with the assessor to get an on-line contact with the assessor's office in order to create accounts for these new home owners as soon as they are filed in the assessor's office.

County properties are bound by county ordinance to pay for residential solid waste collection fees, unless the property owner can meet the exemptions.

Foote said a prime example of slow reporting is Rancho Ruidoso where there are about 80 manufactured homes and only 30 residential accounts paying for trash collection. "We get the (county) residential account information from the assessor," Foote said. "The commercial accounts we find."

Foote also said the LCSWA board had budgeted \$20,000 for the operational supervisor for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Ingle also reminded that the collection department in the budget has been reduced by \$6,700 because of a reduction in the number of employees.

Earlier in the meeting, Ingle said the LCSWA revenues were \$31,000 more than expenditures. "We're still running good financially," Ingle added.

Ingle reported on Open House on December 14 was a great success with a big turnout. "I think the employees were shocked to see so many people." Visitors were treated to refreshments, information and tours of the facility.

Beginning Tuesday, LCSWA crews hauled baled old tires to the old construction landfill by Capitan to be used as erosion control. Ingle said the state Construction Industries authorized LCSWA to use the baled tires as erosion control at the old landfill. She said this will reduce the cost of having to move dirt. Ingle also said the Construction Industries department is pleased to see some movement on the landfill closure after seven years of no action.

Ingle said the costs of the landfill closure have exceeded the available grant funds by \$14,000. If the Village of Capitan forgives an \$11,000 debt from LCSWA it will offset some of this shortfall, Ingle said. The village has advised LCSWA it will forgive the debt after the landfill is completely closed.

LCSWA has hired an in-house mechanic to begin January 2, Ingle reported.

Trash pick up from poly cart customers was delayed due to truck problems, and in the future will not be done if there is snow on the ground, Ingle continued. She said the collection truck for the poly carts was not designed to operate in snowy conditions and has broken down. Because of this collections of poly carts has been delayed and should be completed by Thursday.

"If there is snow on the ground, we will not pick up poly carts," Ingle said.

The LCSWA board also

considered a letter from county resident and Capitan business owner Phyllis Macaw who complained about paying two residential bills after buying more property and about the cost of commercial collection in Capitan.

Ingle said LCSWA billing clerk is working with Macaw to negotiate a sharing agreement for trash for Macaw's commercial renters in Capitan.

LCSWA board also took action to "forgive" \$3,247.79 in roll off use fees owed by the Village of Ruidoso Downs to LCSWA for year 2000, and voted to accept payment of \$2,749.51 for roll off use in 2001 from Ruidoso Downs,

contingent to Ruidoso Downs finding its own location to place the public roll off container. Board members agreed with Ingle that Ruidoso Downs had assisted with the roll off program at the LCSWA yard. After discussion all agreed the village needs its own roll off location, manned by Ruidoso Downs employees, as do the Town of Carrizozo and Village of Capitan.

A resident commented to the LCSWA board it needs to put a notice in the local newspapers about the improvements at LCSWA since Ingle took over and to let the public know the LCSWA trash collection is not a free service.



Joseph Valles Nominated As Student Of Month

Joseph Valles, grandson of Jake and Mela Herrera of Carrizozo, was nominated as the student of the month for October for Excel, the Carter Program, at Las Cruces High School. Excel is a career exploration program for juniors and seniors. Joseph is a senior at Las Cruces High. His parents are Joe and Monica Valles of Las Cruces.

Joseph explored his Excel placement at Memorial Medical Center in the emergency room. His future plans include attending New Mexico State University and majoring in biology. Following graduation from NMSU he would like to attend medical school at the University of New Mexico.



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dumpster fire they may come across.
"My biggest concern is some smoldering ashes may get thrown into a dumpster, then picked up in our collection truck where a fire could start," Ingle added.
For more information about ash dumpsters call LCSWA offices at 378-4697.



FIRST MONDAYS
 --Republican Party of Lincoln County. Call 354-4230 for time and locations.

SECOND MONDAYS
 --Kairos Outside and Emmams Community meeting, 6:30 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Parsonage on E. Ave. Carrizozo.

FIRST AND 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.

WEDNESDAYS
 --AWANA club meeting 6-8 p.m. First Baptist Church of Carrizozo for children three years old through sixth grade.
 --AWAMA club meeting 6-8 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo for children in grades 7 and 8.
 --Alcoholics Anonymous, 7 p.m. Capitan Senior Citizens Center.

THURSDAYS
 --Lincoln County Adult Singles Group 6:30 p.m. Call 354-2635 or 258-3201 for information and location.
 --Pre-school reading hour, 1 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
 --Lincoln County Commission 8 a.m. their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.
 --Christmas dinner at noon at Zia Senior Citizens Centers county wide.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21
 --Christmas Shopping Day in Carrizozo, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. 12 participating merchants. Santa at Carrizozo Joe's 6-8 p.m. Caroling by Community Church Children's Choir.
 --Early 12 noon dismissal for Carrizozo and Capitan Schools. School resumes January 7.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22
 --Santa Parade in Capitan, beginning at about 12 noon, from the east end of the village Santa will travel by horse drawn carriage. Santa will meet with children from 1-3 p.m. at Capitan Public Library.
 --Santa Claus will arrive by fire truck at 2 p.m. Spencer Park in Carrizozo.
 --Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce Christmas lighting contest judging beginning at 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23
 --"It's All About Jesus" play performance and singing at 4 p.m. Carrizozo Assembly of God, everyone invited.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, CHRISTMAS EVE
 --All municipal and county offices closed, including the Zia Senior Citizens Center county wide.
 --Ruidoso Public Library closed today and Tuesday, Christmas Day.
 --Volunteers needed to help light the luminarias on display in Carrizozo. Display to begin at dusk.
 --Christmas Eve in Old Lincoln, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Santa, tree trimming and refreshments at the Lincoln State Monument; farolitos (luminarias) on the main street. No admission.

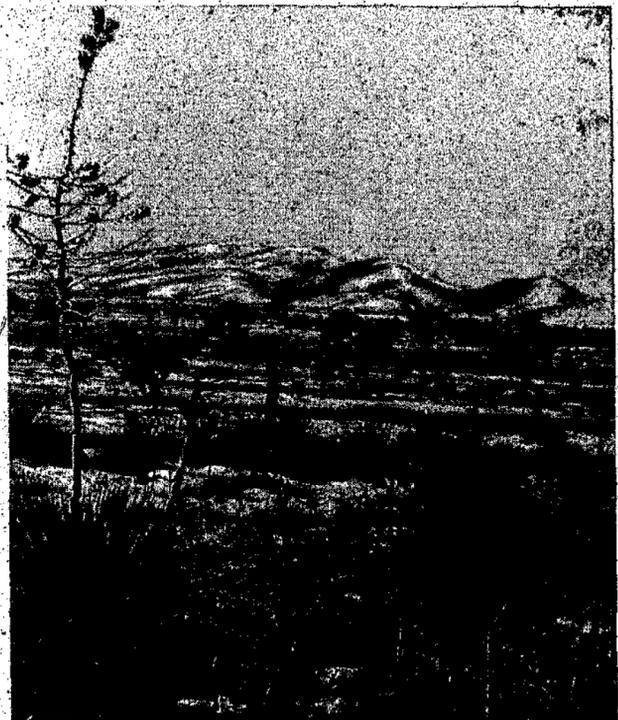
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, CHRISTMAS DAY
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WINTER WONDERLAND. The north western slopes of the Sacramento Mountains, as seen from Carrizozo, are still white with snows that fell during the winter storms on December 11-14. Relatively calm winds in Carrizozo kept the snow on the ground, giving blessed moisture to the area pastures.

Democrats Suggest

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Democratic party chair Doris Cherry requested Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor to ask Adair to develop, with the proper census figures, the county commission district 2 concept.

Cherry and Rennick acknowledged they did not have the actual 2000 census figures to work with, and had to rely on voter registration numbers for those precincts.

Adair was unable to attend the public hearing on December 13 because he was in federal court testifying on the state and federal redistricting case.

Proctor said she would take the concept to Adair. Stewart told *THE NEWS* the county commission district concept was forwarded to Adair after the public hearing on December 13.

The only other comments made during the December 13 public hearing came from Ruidoso Mayor Robert Donaldson who preferred the county commission district concept Plan F that keeps Ruidoso in two districts, Ruidoso Downs in one district, and the Alto area in another district. All district concepts presented so far, propose to split Capitan between two districts.

Donaldson said his only concern is how the county will be affected by the state representative redistricting. He suggested the county commission postpone voting on the redistricting until the outcome of state and federal redistricting is known.

"Once the state unfreezes the precincts we can get rid of these sub-precincts and work on polling places," Donaldson said.

Then Donaldson put the county clerk and county commission on notice the convention center would not be available as a polling place for the June 2002 primary election.

County commissioner Bill Schwettmann asked if there is a deadline to accept the new districts.

Proctor said the new districts must be in place by the end of January 2002. "We have time," Schwettmann said.

Proctor said she wanted

to have the new county commission districts in place so she could order voting machines because there is state money available for counties to order new machines. Proctor said the county commission districts are different from the state and federal districts.

Donaldson said he was concerned some precincts will have to be redone if the county commission accepts the new districts based on "sub-precincts."

Proctor said it is a possibility the precincts will have to be redesignated after the state wide freeze on precinct changes is lifted. She said the problem is precincts and districts have to be drafted according to census block numbers.

"We can apply to have as many as four sub-precincts in one polling place," Proctor added.

Donaldson suggested the sub-precincts be consolidated into new precincts.

Only one other resident, Jim Slocum of Angus, commented. He said it appeared the latest proposal drafted by county commissioners at the November 29 workshop was the least disruptive because it keeps county commission districts similar to how they are now.

Cherry also commented about the proposed split districts in Capitan. She was concerned about the proposal that has residences south of Highway 48 (Fifth Street) and the Lincoln County Fairgrounds put into District 5. She said having both the county fairgrounds and the Glencoe Rural Events Center in one district could be burdensome for the District 5 county commissioner. She suggested all of Capitan be put into District 1, because it has more socially and politically in common with that district.

With no more comment, county commissioners adjourned the public hearing on December 13 that was attended by no more than eight non-elected members of the public.

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Water rights nor for sale

By Ruth Hammond

Despite what the "powers that be" say about it, we still believe that an agreement was reached between at least two people seven or eight years ago and the end result will be the destruction of Fort Stanton as it now stands. Some people insist that it won't happen, but many people said the governor could not and would not sign gaming compacts with the Indians. How wrong they were. The governor did sign the gaming compacts with the Indians and thus began a several year battle about the legality of the agreements.

Evidently someone had researched different matters and knew that the governor could sign certain documents that would be binding on the state, even if the legislators didn't agree with the actions taken by the governor. It seems that it doesn't matter whether anyone agrees, the governor can do what he wants when he wants and the state must abide by whatever actions the governor took.

Can you believe that a similar action might happen with the Fort Stanton water rights? Apparently the rumors are that someone wants to buy the Fort Stanton water rights, and it seems some people believe the Fort Stanton water rights could be sold, even though certain department heads are saying they won't let it happen. As was stated in this column quite some time ago, the Fort Stanton water rights could be sold without public approval or the approval of the state legislators. And it seems it very possibly can happen.

Lincoln County has many attractions, with one of the main attractions being the best preserved pre-Civil War Forts in the United States. Lincoln County residents know the importance of Fort Stanton to this area and keeping the water rights intact to assure the safety of the Fort Stanton facility. Keeping the Fort Stanton facility safe is a priority for many of us, but apparently not for the "powers that be".

Instead of trying to help preserve the treasure of the Fort Stanton facility, state officials advise that no money has been budgeted for basic maintenance employees. What gives guys? If Fort Stanton was located north of I-40 there would be ample money for workers, but no money is available for the southern portion of the state. And will there be more statements made about the declining uses for Fort Stanton? Hogwash. There was a plan in place and there was a waiting list of more than 57 people wanting to move to Fort Stanton when it was to be converted into a geriatric facility. But the "powers that be" decided to close Fort Stanton. And now we hear that there was a series of "declining uses" for the state. This sounds like double talk.

Now is the time for action to save Fort Stanton from having the water rights sold and eventually being forgotten until someone torches the buildings to make way for a grand and glorious whatever for rich people instead of being a facility that should have continued to serve us all.

Every person should do whatever they can to help save Fort Stanton, and this includes convincing the "powers that be" to not sell the Fort Stanton water rights, regardless of the price. The state should preserve, not destroy, one of our nation's most priceless treasures, Fort Stanton.

Preserve or destroy?

Court Calendar

12th JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DIVISION III

Week of December 17

Monday, December 17:

- Friberg v. Friberg; DM-88-84 (Pro Se/Pro Se) (Final decree)
- Valdez v. Ruidoso Care Center; CV-2001-228 (Dickinson) (receivership)
- Amresco v. Turner; CV-2001-32 (Leverick/Rafkin) (motions by teleconference)
- Adenaur v. Lant; CV-99-72 (Bloom/Witt) (pretrial and motions)
- Cockrill v. Lynn's Homes; CV-2001-05 (Rafkin/Underwood) (pretrial)
- Classic Bronze v. Lincoln Fox; CV-00-266 (Rafkin/Underwood) (motions)

- Tuesday, December 18: Judge in Ruidoso to hear; Wolf Name Change; CV-2001-250
- Thomas Mireles; JR-2001-26 & 27 (Check in)
- Daniel Cornelius; JR-2001-36 (check in)
- Jamie Jackson; JR-2001-41 (disposition)
- Darci Rutledge; JR-2001-54 (first appearance)
- John Mark Taylor; JR-2001-09 & 20 (motions)
- Mark Mauritsen; JR-2001-55 (first appearance)
- Scott Wright; JR-2001-29 (disposition)
- Justin Wehbrecht; JR-2001-49 (adjudication and plea)
- Micheal Treas; JR-00-90 (judicial inquiry)
- Singletary v. Lewis; CV-2001-242 (Dutton) (default judgement and damages)
- Wade v. Lindsey; CV-2001-187 (Rafkin/Pro Se) (appeal)

Wednesday, December 19:

- Stevens v. Southwest Storage; CV-2001-10 (Pro Se/ C. Hawthorne) (judicial inquiry) teleconference

Jury Trials

- Melissa Kasehagen; CR-2001-113
- Shawn Kasehagen; CR-2001-114
- Bench Trial: Germain v. German; DM-2001-55

There will be no court Christmas week. The offices of the district court clerk will be open Wednesday, Dec. 26, Thursday, Dec. and Friday, Dec. 28.



Happy Holidays

J.P. Doodles



SANTA FE
INSIDE THE CAPITOL
By JAY MILLER

SANTA FE - It appears as though Gov. Gary Johnson's big legacies of his eight years in office will be casino gambling and highway construction.

Indian gaming was Johnson's first order of business after taking office. He surprised everyone by sidestepping the Legislature and signing compacts on his own. Courts told him he had to involve the Legislature in the act. Lawmakers drew up compacts that didn't pass muster either.

After six years of haggling, the resulting compacts look very much like what Johnson originally negotiated.

The governor also got an early start on his road-building advocacy but not much happened until he learned to get around the legislature in a more creative manner than he did on gambling.

Lawmakers went along with Johnson's road-building ideas, except that they wanted to finance it with gasoline tax increases. That's the way the state had always financed roads, but Johnson was committed to no tax increases - even if the tax was a user fee. Besides, former Gov. Bruce King had raised gasoline taxes for other purposes and the driving public went ballistic.

Johnson promised to do away with King's gas tax increase, if elected, and it helped him pull off an upset. But he'd also promised four-lane highways to a lot of outlying communities, especially Farmington, and there wasn't money in the budget to do it. Twice the Legislature gave him big road-building bills and both times Johnson vetoed them.

The pressure on

Johnson was building from communities that had been promised new roads. Those just happened to also be communities, such as Farmington, Roswell, Ruidoso and Alamogordo, that had given Johnson big majorities against King.

By this time, Johnson was nearing the end of his first term in office and looking at his re-election chances. He called in his Highway and Transportation Secretary, Pete Rahn, and told him to find a way to build some four-lane roads, especially one from Bernalillo to Farmington, without raising taxes and without going through the Legislature. It seemed like an impossible request.

The story gets a little hazy at this point. Rahn says a daring, new plan for a road to Farmington miraculously appeared on his desk a week later. Representatives of Koch Industries of Wichita, Kansas, which submitted the plan, said the Highway Department requested it.

It is said that success has a thousand fathers and failure is an orphan. This idea may have been an orphan because it was so radical. Koch Industries, which never had built a road, proposed to design, build, maintain and finance a four-lane state Highway 44. Rahn and Johnson also said they never had heard of the Koch brothers, even though they were big contributors to Johnson's campaign and to the Republican party.

Koch proposed to use a European road-building design, never before tested in the United States. It is more costly but that is saved in reduced maintenance costs. The construction would take place along

the entire 118 miles, instead of in four-mile segments as is usually done, cutting construction time from a projected 27 years to two years.

For \$62 million Koch would give a 20-year warranty on the road, paying for all maintenance. And it would finance the project, to be paid back by from federal highway money over the next 20 years. Such a deal, except that lawmakers were upset about being bypassed and the attorney general didn't like the looks of it.

But the only change they could get was to finance the project with state bonds rather than paying back the Kochs. That move saved about \$100 million in interest but we'll still be paying over \$100 million interest on the state bonds.

So Johnson got his road. He won Farmington by twice as big a margin as he had before. The Kochs made even larger campaign contributions. And New Mexico started financing its roads with long term bonds to the tune of almost \$1 billion.

Roswell Judge Chip Johnson Confirmed As Federal Judge

The US Senate on December 13 confirmed William Chip Johnson of Roswell to serve on the U.S. District Court for New Mexico.

Johnson served on the New Mexico Fifth Judicial District court, which encompasses Chaves, Eddy and Lea Counties. As a general jurisdiction judge he heard adult criminal, domestic relations, child support enforcement, civil and administrative agency cases. He was also a children's court judge responsible for juvenile abuse and neglect cases, and he mediated civil cases assigned to other judges.

Johnson's nomination was recommended by U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (R-New Mexico) and supported by U.S. Senator Jeff Bingaman (D-NM).

"Judge Johnson has been given high marks for the time he spent as state district judge," said Senator Bingaman.

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



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Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) You will be feeling something different! You're changing to fit the New You! You will seek out people, places & things to better yourself! Start Now!

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) What you thought all along could be right! The question is do you want to be Right, or do the Right thing! Go deep within and you'll find the truth!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Start right now doing what you know needs to be done, don't wait till the first of the year to get in shape! You'll start being a different person!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) What you hold in your left hand, can not hold in your right hand! Use both (Past & the NOW) to learn for what you'll need to know later!

Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) Your Letting go of the past will be easier, when you know just how hurt you really are! Look at the past, clean it, cry, do what ever it takes to let go!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) You will find out who really loves you and who is saying they do! Your Angels are watching over you, let them! Don't waste your time fighting!

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) You're going to have to make up your mind one way or another! Just do what you wanted to do in the first place! You are the only one who can!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) It's never too late to say you love someone! Pick up the phone and take a chance! You can't lose something or someone you never had in the first place!

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) "Oh-Me-Oh-My" You may have to throw out everything & start over! The lesson we learn with People Places & Things are some times strange!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You may be thinking about taking on another job, or project! Really think about this! It could be real good, but do you have the time to do the job right?

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) Hurt Feelings?! The Truth is: Your feelings are not the only ones hurt! Clear the air, or you'll go into the next New Years with bad feelings!

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) If you want to tell someone something then pick up the phone, or see them in person! They can't look at you backside, and read your mind! Call Now!

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalie Dunlap



Hi Carrizozo!

*Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year!*

*Darien, Misty
and Marilyn*

It did turn COLD a week ago Saturday night. It was round 14 degrees and

Sunday night it was close to 10 degrees. West of Lincoln it got down to 3 degrees.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Dimas and family of California spent Thanksgiving with her mother, Nina Taylor and family.

Mary Beth Fowler reports that all is well in her daughter's family. Little Sawyer Hope Turner is home and also the baby's father. He had to undergo appendix surgery after Sawyer got home. Needless to say, Mary Beth was glad to get home.

The Anderson-Freeman Museum was a busy place a week ago Sunday afternoon. Sandy and Stan Thomas, Marcella Garcia and her brother Eddie and Agatha Long provided Christmas music. The Thomas's did the traditional Christmas songs, Marcella the Spanish renditions and Agatha the Cowboy songs.

Santa and Mrs. Claus was there for the children and they could get their photograph taken with Santa.

The Lincoln County Photography Club held their annual Christmas party at the Dunlaps. Following a delicious covered dish supper, and visiting, the yearly awards were given. Karen Walker received the unseen services to the club; Ray Bowerman, most points earned in the monthly contests; and a special award, a miniature train, by Ann Marie Harvey to Dave Travis. Dave had two train photos that were winners in the All American Photography Show at the Hubbard Museum.

The photography exhibit will be on exhibit until January. There were 27 entries from Lincoln County and 24 placed in the judging. Congratulations to all who entered their photographs.

Lincoln is beginning to look like Christmas as everyone is starting to put up their decorations. Now if we just get a little of that white stuff called snow.

Several area residents have been attending the NMSU Aggie basketball games in Las Cruces. The team has been having difficulty winning, losing by 1 or 2 points.

We visited with the Bob Hart's last week. The girls are growing up so fast. The Harts said "Hello" to all their friends.

Reminder - There will be luminaries at dusk, church services at 7:00 p.m. with refreshments at the Dunlaps and Catholic services at 10:00 p.m. Both church services will be held at San Juan's church.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the holiday season in Lincoln.

We were saddened with the death of Bob Graham recently. He fought a losing battle with cancer. Bob was active in the community, serving on the Lincoln Water Board, helping his neighbors and recently had the La Cocina Cafe and helped his wife Emma, with her antique store. He will be missed by all his friends.

PFC Rusty Clowers, Army, and Samantha, Air Force, were united in marriage at Colorado Springs, CO November 9th. The bride is taking basic training in San Antonio, TX and will graduate Dec. 28th. The groom is the son of Pam Beckley Seals and the grandson of Barbara and Russell Beckley. Congratulations.

Pam Seals and daughter Rebecca had an early Christmas with Rebecca's grandparents in Coahoma, TX and her great grandmother in Post TX.

Mr. and Mrs. Mac McArthur attended their grandson, Aaron, Christmas program in Roswell. Aaron was "Rudolph the Reindeer."

There seems to be a lot of colds floating around in Lincoln. You all get well by Christmas.

Lincoln got a skiff of snow last week. The surrounding area seem to have gotten quite a bit of snow. Sierra Blanca ski run received 29 inches of snow.

We had gone to Portales on business Wednesday, where it was windy and cold. Ralph went to Carrizozo that night to the Masonic meeting. It was icy and slippery from the Nogal turnoff to Carrizozo. He reported that it had snowed 6 inches.

Little Seth Braedon Rabke arrived December 5.

His parents are Doria and Ira Rabke. His paternal grandmother is Gloria Rabke of San Antonio and maternal grandparents are Colleen and Joe Salazar. Seth is the Salazar's first grandchild.

Raynene Greer of Capitan visited the Ralph Dunlaps Saturday evening.

Susie and Dick Kuns, have been busy weatherizing the Shrecengost home. They did pick the coldest time we have had so far this year.

A very Merry and Happy Holidays to all my readers.



Peace

May peace and happiness fill your household on this most blessed of days.

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Tastes OF THE SEASON

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Happy Holidays

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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 11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church
HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor
314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM
648-2988 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.
Sun. Evening Training at 6:15 p.m.
Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A16)
JOHNNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor
Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186
Children's Church 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community
FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853
SATURDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m.
SUNDAY:
Capitan Sacred Heart 9:00 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ:
TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135
Ave. C at 12th, Carrizozo, NM
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector
Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM
1-505-257-2358
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

Claunch Community Church
TONY SCACCIA, Minister
849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches
JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2846
Carrizozo, NM 88301
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 8:30 p.m.
United Methodist Women
Every 3rd Wednesday 2:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner on
4th Sunday of Month 12:30 p.m.

CAPITAN:
Adult Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Worship Service 9:15 a.m.
Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time 10:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m.
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 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Capitan Church of Christ
LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister
5th & Lincoln / 336-4627
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.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
AWANA Sunday 4:00-6:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Corona
CAL WEST, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner 1st Sunday of Month

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Bill Winkler

Stearns Insurance Agency

Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
Hi! I would like a Be Dazler and a shrek movie and some Tweety sheety.
Sincerely, Jordan Vinson

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie and a barbie house. I have been good this year.
Torri Trapp

Dear Santa,
I want a barbie car, a barbie house, and barbies and clothes for me, barbie shoes, barbie clothes, I have been a good girl.
Jaclynn Ortiz

Dear Santa,
My brother has been a good boy, can you please bring him lots of toys for him to play with. We will leave you cookies and milk.
Rylah & Daniel Zamora

Dear Santa,
May I please have a B.B. gun and bullet.
Love, Arturo Najera

Dear Santa,
May I please have for christmas a four wheeler and a remote control truck? I love you. 648-2256.
Casey Vega

Dear Santa,
May I please have a kitchen set, and a fake phorie for Christmas. How are the reindeer?
Love, Rebecca Greer

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Barbie Nutcracker for Christmas?
Amanda Gallegos
How are your elves?

Dear Santa,
May I please have for Christmas a play station 2?
Love, Andrea Vigil



Dear Santa,
May I please, have for Christmas a car and a motor truck?
Tavi Nash

Dear Santa,
May I please have a BB gun and BBs and a Grinch car?
Lov, Sean Medina

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Barbie and a reindeer for Christmas?
Andrea Beltran



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May He whose birth we celebrate bless you with true happiness.

May His Light Shine
On you and your family in this holy season.
JOHNSON STEARNS and Family

Dear Santa,
I have been good please bring me a doll house and a doll.
Marissa Sanchez

Dear Santa,
How are you?
I would like a Shrek movie, a grinch movie and a riley puppy and some presents for my mom, and dad, brit, Shaye, Annika.
Love Marriah Ventrura

Dear Santa,
I would like a puppy and a brigami set, cotton candy maker and a glow in the dark gew.
Sincerely, Justin Vega

Dear Santa,
I would like the Shrek movie, and I will like a Shooshoo. How is rowdoff?
Love, Gaby Barely

Dear Santa,
How are you? I would like a shot got, and a ruger 22 gun, and a cumputer, and a lab projekt, and a pait ball gun.
Love, Lane Levi Carter

Dear Santa,
How are you doint?
I would like a, Lab top, A beab beab gun, A grinch movie, A pant ball gun, A Shrek movie.
Love, Marshall Ventura

Dear Santa,
How are the rainders and Mrs. closs? I would like some roller blads and a blue mudd pruse at bells, ana a shrek move.
Love Catelela Vega

Dear Santa,
I am having a good time in Carrizozo. If I have to be onest I will tell you I have been lazy at home and I have not been making my bed. Please tell Mrs. Santa that I hope she is having fun! I would like a laptop computer, and an car peasar. How are the rain deer doing, Is roudof a real story or just a fiction story?
Best wishes, Carmen Tate

Dear Santa,
How are the raindeer? I would like the lade and the tramp movies number 1 and 2, a modle ship, a modle submraing and a 64 Craons pack,
Jamimer McCarthy
P.S. My class all made letters for you.

Dear Santa,
I would like a ultru magnis and gold fish and a fish tank, thats all.
Love Justin Greer

Dear Santa,
I would like a pack of paints, grinch movie and a pom pals puppy. How are the rain deer? good - not good, please srkl.
Love, Sara McNatt

Dear Santa,
May I please have a remote control car?
James Burd

Dear Santa,
May I please have a camera for christmas. How is Rudolph?
Love, Jade Roper

There is no time like the holidays to pause and count our many blessings. Thanks to our patrons and friends!
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PRAY
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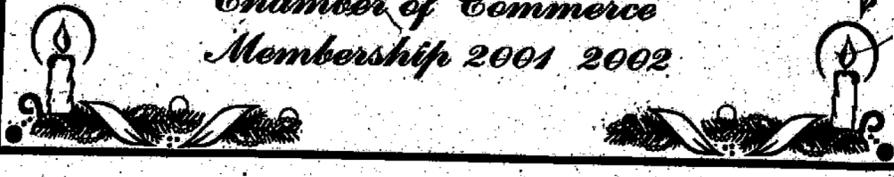


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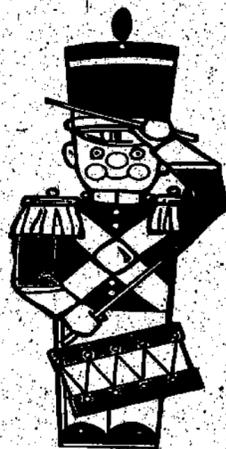
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Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,
May I please have a art set and bike for Christmas?
How are the reindeer?
Love, Sierra Anaya

Dear Santa,
May I please have a bear and reindeer for Christmas?
Love Analicia Beltran.

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Barbie and a Nutcracker King? I have been good Santa.
Love, Shayna Zamora

Dear Santa,
May I please have a Barbie and camera for Christmas?
How are your reindeer?
Timara Burd

Dear Santa,
May I please have a play station 2, and a tv. How are your elves?
Love, Joshua Vallejos

Dear Santa,
I love you, you're my Santa Claus. I want a flower for Christmas, lots of movies, baby dolls and a yorki puppy named Jesse.
Love, Deline Arteché

Dear Santa,
I have been a good boy this year, well sort of. Can you please bring me a monster truck, a big one like the ones on TV. I also want a 4-wheeler so my dad can take me and my sister to the mountains. Can you bring Jade a 4-wheeler too? Thank you Santa. Have a Merry Christmas.
Daniel Dylan Roper

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I am well. How are your reindeer. I like Rudolph. I want a play station and a game boy, game boy, play station games, casper the movie, Richey Rich the movie, digital camera, a gun, knife and bow an arrow, a displayer, head sets and peg bike.
Your friend, Josh Burd

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? and how is Mrs. Claus? How are your reindeer? How is Rudolph? This Christmas I want a what's her face and a Harry Potter book collection. This Christmas I may be at my aunts house but don't worry we will have some cookies put out for you.
Your friend, Jordan Hill

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I am. How is Rudolph, for my school program my class

sang Rudopph the red nose reindeer. For Christmas I would like a dog stuffed animal because I collect them, or a jungle animal, a cd player with head sets. I also would like a Flying t tape or a CD. A kitty magic would be nice. I hope your elves are doing well.
Your friend,
Lauren Smith

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? This Christmas I want a new bike at wal mart I saw a cool bike I wish you could get it for me please Santa. I also want new clothes please. I also want a Harry potter book. How is Rudolph? Is he being good. My brother wants a walker.
Your friend,
Jenna Schartz

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? I would like a Toy Simi because I saw it at wall marte. I would like a new lego set, I would like a basketball and I would like a clay set.
Your friend, Roper

Dear Santa,
How are you doing. And how is your wife. I would like a DVD player. Or a TV.
Love Chelsea

Dear Santa,
Hi Santa how is Mrs. claus? Santa heres 8 things that I would like for Christmas: Sina with Me Barbie, kariok machine, video camera, labtop, crayons, a coat, markers, Mary-kate and Ashley game boy. Merry Christmas from
Mckenna Sandoval

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer? I am doing good. But how are you? So for Christmas I want a Snow board. Well Merry Christmas,
Your friend
Travis Calvert

Dear Santa Claus,
How are you? I'm doing pretty good. I hope your year is going nice. This year for Christmas I would like some lego toys and I want to celebrate Christmas with my family.
Your Pal,
Joel Ferguson

Dear Santa Claus,
How is Mrs. Claus and your reindeer? i am great. Bailey, and Mary Beth are great to. This year for Christmas I would like a portabal cd player because. I think it will be fun to listen to. Is the toy shop doing great too.

This year for Christmas we're going to spend it at our house.
Your friend,
Michelle Shivers

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus" And you, how is Rudolph and the others? I am doing fine, if you want to know. How is your Elves? I want my family to be with me on Christmas.
Your Friend, Mark Vigil

Christmas Wishes

To All The Great Folks in Carrizozo and the Surrounding Area.

We will Hold Open House on Christmas Eve During the Luminaria Tour with Free Hot Apple Cider, Coffee and Cookies. Stop by and visit, warm up and enjoy yourself.

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Carrizozo, New Mexico



PEACE

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Beverly Payne Calaway
Lincoln County
Chief Deputy
Treasurer



CHRIST BORN

May Christmas bring you Blessings of Peace and Love.

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Season's Greetings

The spirit of the season is in the air and the hearts of people everywhere -

A small child's eyes shining bright. A Christmas tree coloring the night.

Friends and family come together, bringing a warmth to the chilly weather.

May your holidays be filled with love and cheer -

Merry Christmas to all and a Happy New Year!

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Letters to Santa

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I want a play station game. Or a football game. Or a game boy game. I want a cd player. And a cd for it. I want a Lego life on mars set.

Your friend,
Justin Garcia

Dear Santa,
How are you doing and how are your elves. How is Mrs. Claus and how are the reindeer. I would like for Christmas is a game boy and a pokemon cards.

Your friend,
Andres Verdugo

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus? And your elves? How is Dasher, Dancer, Prancer and Vixen, Corit and Cupid, Doner and Blisin? Oh and rudolph. Before I forget I would like a

new bike and a gameboy color. And I think that is it thank you.

Your friend,
Cheyanne Riggs

Dear Santa,
How are you. I hope your reindeer are good. All I want for Christmas is what ever you can give me. I really want a bow because I like to hunt a lot and don't forget the arrows.

Your pal, Marshal Wilson

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus and you? Well if you wanted to know I'm doing fine. I wonder how your reindeer are doing and Rudolph and how is your elves. Well I want a Xman pack, and a bionical.

Your pal, Dylan Furness

Dear Santa,
How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are your reindeer and Rudolph. Are you doing all right? If you need to know how I'm doing, I'm doing fine. How is your elves? I want a dog for Christmas. How come I want a dog is because my dad doesn't like dogs.

Your friend,
Troy Niederstadt

Dear Santa,
How are you and your reindeer and Mrs. Santa Claus. I want a scooter, some corner baldes, and some new tires for my bike, some nice ones and a cd player and a trampoline and other stuff, cool stuff. I want that stuff so it could get on my sisters nerves.

Your friend,
Destiny Dutchover

Dear Santa,
I was wondering how you, your reindeer, Mrs. Claus, and your elves are doing.

I wanted to know how your toy shop is going. I would like some roller baldes because mine are too small. I would like for you to bring all my friends and all my family a present and other people that are sick like my grandma. Your should also give your elves a present for working hard every year.

Your friend,
Stephanie Zamora

Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer. And how is Mrs. Claus. And how is Rudolph. This is what I want for Christmas. I want a trasformer, and night glasses, a gameboy color. And the movie Monsters Inc. and Shrek. A actoin man.

Your frind,
Fernando Najera

Dear Santa,
Merry Christmas. How are you? How is your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus. For Christmas I would like a labtop, a my twin doll, and a lip-gloss-maker.

Love, Kylie Gaines

Dear Santa,
I would like a girl from Monster Inc. for Christmas. Thank you.

Bailey

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy cat. Thank you.

Rylah

Dear Santa,
I would like barbie for Christmas. Thank you.

Shayna

Dear Santa,
I would like Beanie bears monster. Thank you.

Mckenzie

Dear Santa,
I would like a woodie for Christmas. Thank you.

Zachary

Dear Santa,
I would like legos for Christmas. Thank you.

Erick

Dear Santa,
I would like cat blocks for Christmas. Thank you.

Johnathon S.

Dear Santa,
I would like a Christmas Barbie for Christmas. Thank you.

Calie

Dear Santa,
I would like a truck for Christmas. Thank you.

Devon

Dear Santa,
I would like a remote control car. Thank you.

Isaac

Dear Santa,
I would like a spiderman monster for Christmas. Thank you.

Jonathan

Dear Santa,
I would like a Bionico, and a truck for Christmas. Thank you.

Nicholas

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas. Thank you.

Sarah

Dear Santa,
I would like a Barbie for Christmas and a toy cat.

Erica Vega

Dear Santa,
I would like a Beanie baby for Christmas. Thank you.

Mason Huston



Santa Rita Catholic Community Christmas Schedule

Posadas will be celebrated Saturday, Dec. 22 at Santa Rita Catholic Church in Carrizozo following the 6:30 p.m. Mass. Follow Mary riding on the donkey, with Joseph, to the local homes and end at Santa Rita Parish hall, for the Pot Luck Dinner following Posadas.

Posadas is the story of Joseph and Mary looking for shelter, trying to find an inn. As the Posadas begins the participants are divided into two groups. The innkeepers: are inside the house waiting for the pilgrims. They refuse entrance until the last house, letting the pilgrims continue to the final home with Mary and Joseph, where they are welcomed. The Pilgrims: are outside (in their cars) waiting for the time when the group will seek entrance. They begin the dialogue seeking entrance with song. If they are turned away, the innkeepers join them going to the next home.

Once inside the narrator continues with the story of the nativity with the help of several readers.

This is followed by a Pot Luck and singing of Christmas carols.

The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Christmas Eve, Dec. 24
* 5:30 p.m., St. Theresa, Corona.
* 8:00 p.m., Sacred Heart, Capitan.
* 10:00 p.m., San Juan, Lincoln.
* Midnight Mass at Santa Rita, Carrizozo.

Christmas Day, Dec. 25
* 9:00 a.m., Sacred Heart, Capitan.
* 10:30 a.m., Santa Rita, Carrizozo.

The Religious Education Children will act out the Christmas Story at the Santa Rita Midnight Mass.



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OBITUARY

RICHARD M. BRADLEY
Richard M. Bradley, 75, a former resident of Corona and Carrizozo, died December 15 in Sheridan, WYO.

Mr. Bradley was born December 12, 1926, in Sapulpa, OK. He is survived by his sons Benjamin Bradley and his wife Janet of Pueblo, CO, and Roy Bradley of Carrizozo; daughter Ernestine and husband Lloyd Normangee of Texas; brother Darrel Bradley and his wife Mel of Raton; his sister Evelyn and her husband Robert Miller of Deming, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Bradley was a member of the VFW in Corona and Carrizozo areas for many years.

Funeral services were held today, Thursday, December 20, at the First Assembly of God in Mountainair, with the Rev. James Pinckard officiating. Burial was at the Corona Cemetery in Corona. Pallbearers were Jack Hefker, Bobby Hobbs, Jim Payne, Rand Perkins, Tom Perkins, and Alex Vega. Honorary pallbearers were Curtis, Donald, Floyd and Lloyd Hobbs.

Funeral arrangements were by the Harris-Hanlon Mortuary in Mountainair.

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Ruidoso Library Will Be Closed For The Holidays

Ruidoso Public Library will be closed Monday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. The library will also be closed Tuesday, January 1 for New Years.

Friends of the Ruidoso Public Library will meet at 4 p.m. Monday, January 7, in the library conference room. The public is invited to attend, refreshments will be served.

Warmer days continue through Saturday, when another chance for snow is expected.

Weather on Christmas Eve and Christmas is predicted to be clear to partly cloudy with mild day time temperatures and cold clear nights.

The following weather forecast is based on information from the National Weather Service web site.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Lincoln, Hondo Valley and lower elevations of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, December 20:
Clear to partly cloudy with high of 58 in Carrizozo. No chance for precipitation. Tonight clear to partly cloudy with low of 21 in Carrizozo.

Friday, December 21:
Partly cloudy and windy. High to 60 in Carrizozo. Lows in lower 20s.

Saturday, December 22:
Colder with partly to mostly cloudy skies and windy. A slight chance for showers. Highs to 50 in Carrizozo. Lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s.

Sunday, December 23:
Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs to 53 and lows to 23.

Monday, December 24 and CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25:
Clear to partly cloudy with highs to 57 and lows to 25.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan, Corona and the higher elevations of Lincoln County:
Today, December 20:
Clear to partly cloudy with high of 55 in Ruidoso. Tonight, clear to partly cloudy with lows to 18. No chance for precipitation.

Friday, December 21:
Partly cloudy and windy. Highs to 48. Lows to 20.

Saturday, December 22:
Colder and partly to mostly cloudy and windy. Slight chance for snow showers. Highs upper 30s to low 40s. Lows upper teens and low 20s.

Sunday, December 23:
Partly cloudy and breezy. Highs in the lower 40s to 50. Lows 8 to 23.

Monday, December 24 and CHRISTMAS DAY, December 25:
Clear to partly cloudy with highs 43 to lower 50s. Lows 10 to 24.

Yuletide Greetings

Thanks for keeping our business "ever-green!"

From our family to yours ... Merry Christmas!

LINCOLN COUNTY MOUNTAINAIR

108 E. Smokey Bear Blvd.
CAPITAN, N.M. 88316

Grizzly WEEKLY

By Carrizozo High School Journalism Class
Sarah Ball, Instructor

Senioritis

December has just begun and it wasn't till now that I've come to realize my senior year is already half over. In August graduation seemed exciting, I think back on how fast these past four months have gone by, and now graduation just seems scary.

Our class entered the halls on the first day of school with our heads held high, for we were now seniors. We were the upperclassmen, we were the class everyone looked up to, and we were ready for one last unforgettable year. Well, that year is half over.

I don't think but a few had actually realized that the school activities we all looked forward to every year were now our last. Our last Homecoming or our last football game was hardly spoken of as something we were going to miss. Our last senior auction, our last parade, our last Halloween carnival - all gone. Never again will we participate in those activities... never again. That chapter in our lives is over.

Basketball has already begun, and we're all awaiting Christmas vacation. It's like a big slap in the face, a wake up call, especially for those who haven't yet taken ACT's or SAT's, filled out any scholarship or college applications, or even decided what they want to do.

Ironically, we thought this year would never come and now that it has, a lot of us are left clueless. However, some of us have already talked with recruiters from the military and have our mind set on exactly what we think we would like to do.

Though nobody has really yet spoken of it, I think a lot of us are overwhelmed with mixed feelings of anticipation, anxiousness, nervousness, excitement, fear and though nobody wants to admit it, sadness. From the first day of kindergarten leading up to all the lessons learned in junior high, and then finally making our way into high school as freshmen, we were aware that there would, in fact, also be a last day.

That day, however, had always seemed like an eternity away, but actually before we knew it we were already seniors who could hardly wait to get the year over with. Now, with only months away from graduation, I wonder if any of us sometimes wish, if only for awhile, we could stop time. Although I am excited and eager to move on, I can't escape the fact that, at the same time, I'm now starting to sense nervousness and uneasy feelings about being on my own, and I'm pretty sure I'm not the only one who feels this way.

By: Andra Harkey

Christmas at Home

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Christmas GREETINGS

Many thanks for your loyal patronage. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Lincoln County News Staff

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

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Well H-1298 is supplemental to existing surface water rights. The points of diversion are located approximately 1/2 mile south of Tinnie, 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 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 protests 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, 1900 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 applications for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 13, 2001, Richard David G. Sanchez, P.O. Box 1544, Ruidoso, NM 88345, filed application No. 0774 & 0777 into H-1795 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place and/or purpose of use from surface to groundwater by ceasing the diversion of 5.44 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso via the Lower Chisos Ditch which diverts at a point located in the NW1/4SE1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. and ceasing the irrigation of 1.7 acres of land located in part of the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M. Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-1795 located in the S1/2NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of up to 5.44 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater for the irrigation of up to 1.7 acres of land located in part of the SW1/4 of Section 24, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move-from well and acreage is located approximately 1/2 mile west of San Patricio on Hwy. 70, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. This is near the subdivision of Rancho Ruidoso and north of Little Creek.

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The move-from well and acreage is located approximately two miles west of Glencoe on Hwy. 70, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. This is near the subdivision of Rancho Ruidoso and north of Little Creek.

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The move-from well and acreage is located approximately 1/2 mile west of San Patricio on Hwy. 70, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage is located approximately 2 1/2 miles northeast of Alto, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. This is near the subdivision of Rancho Ruidoso and north of Little Creek.

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Carrizozo Municipal Schools Special Education Confidential Folders with dates prior to 1996 will be destroyed on January 14, 2002. If you have a valid interest in reviewing these records, please contact: Laura Hemphill, Special Education Coordinator at 648-2346.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on July 25, 2001, J. Robert Beauvais, P.O. Box 14, Lincoln, NM 88338, filed application No. 01400, 01401 & H-209 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion and place of use of 6.5 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Bonito via the Los Chisos Ditch, which diverts at a point located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 12, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., by ceasing the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRES
Pl. E1/2	13	10S	16E	2.0
Pl. SW1/4SW1/4	8	10S	17E	
Pl. NW1/4	15	10S	17E	

Applicant proposes to commence the use of the Rio Bonito via the South Laws Ditch which diverts at a point located in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 29, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of 6.5 acre-feet per annum of surface water for the irrigation of 2.0 acres of land located in the NE1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

Applicant proposes to commence the use of existing shallow well H-701 located in the SW1/4SW1/4 of Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., as a supplemental well to the water rights under OSE File No. 01400, 01401 & H-209-Comb., and cease the use of well H-209 as a supplemental well to these water rights.

The move-from points of diversion are located approximately four miles southeast of Lincoln, New Mexico. The move-to points of diversion are located approximately 1/2 mile north of Lincoln, New Mexico.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL
DISTRICT COURT
CV-01-032
AMRESCO RESIDENTIAL
MORTGAGE COMPANY,
Plaintiff,
vs.
GENE C. TURNER, RUBY TURNER,
AND DC, LIMITED LIABILITY CO.,
D/B/A DATA CHEK, RON STOREY,
AND LISA STOREY
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE OF FORECLOSURE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me or my designee as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known as 702 Center Street, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

LOT 30, BLOCK 3, WOODLAND HILLS, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, MARCH 27, 1967.

The sale is to begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 15, 2002, outside the front entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale, and to satisfy the Judgment in AMRESCO Residential Mortgage Company.

AMRESCO Residential Mortgage Company was awarded a Judgment on November 20, 2001 in the principal sum \$115,038.65, plus outstanding interest due thereon through June 5, 2001, totaling \$7,757.80, and accruing thereafter at the rate of 9.90% per annum or \$31.73 per diem, plus late charges in the amount of \$356.44, plus attorney fees of \$1,255.00, plus additional fees as awarded by the Court, and costs in the sum of \$677.17, with interest on the late charges, attorney's fees and costs from date of Judgment until paid at the rate of 9.90% per annum.

The sale is subject to one (1) month right of redemption in favor of the Defendant as specified in the Judgment filed herein.

NICK VEGA,
Special Master
P.O. Box 383
Carrizozo, NM 88301
(505) 648-2217

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I don't care who you are, he's got to take a sobriety test!

Spencer Elected As NMCGA VP

Stirling Spencer of Carrizozo was elected as southeast region vice president at the New Mexico Cattle Growers Association at the Joint Stockmen's Convention held in Albuquerque on December 6-9, N.M.P.M.

Other new officers include new president Phil Bidegain of Tucuman; president elect Don 'Bebo' Lee of Alamogordo; southeast region vice president Bill Seuble of Maxwell; northeast regional vice president Don Cullum of Lordsburg; southwest region vice president Joe Romero of Velarde; northwest region vice president Linda Davis of Cimarron, and treasurer Randy White of Albuquerque.

Rex Wilson of Carrizozo and Ronnie Merritt of Yeso were elected to serve a three year term on the NMCGA board of directors. Directors currently serving include Gordon Barryham of Carrizozo, Tommy Dinwiddie of Capitan, Wally Ferguson of Carrizozo, Sid Goodloe of Capitan, Jim Grider of Carrizozo, Harvey Tindell of Nogal, Ron Merritt of Yeso and others.

NMCGA represents the state's cattle producers in all areas, including legislation, trade issues, regulations and litigation. The NMCGA also works to educate the public about ranching and cattle production.

NM Museum Free To All Lincoln County Residents in December

Through the end of December residents of Lincoln County receive free admission to the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science in Albuquerque.

Lincoln State Monument To Celebrate Christmas Eve in Old Lincoln Town

Lincoln State Monument, a division of the Museum of New Mexico, invites everyone to its 'Christmas Eve in Old Lincoln' from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, December 24.

Festivities include tree trimming, hot cider and Santa at the Freeman-Hubbard Visitors Center. More than 2,000 lighted Moriches (luminarias) will line the street of Lincoln. There is no cost for the festivities.

The monument, and all state museums, will be closed on Christmas Day. For more information call 505-653-4372.

County To Pass Fort Stanton Resolution

Today, December 20, during the Lincoln County Commission meeting being held in their chambers in the Lincoln County Courthouse, county commissioners are scheduled to take action on a resolution asking for support of the development of the Fort Stanton facility.

Resolution 2001-21 "Directed to Governor Gary Johnson, Lt. Gov. Walter Bradley and the members of the 45th Legislature of the State of New Mexico, second session, January 2002":

"Whereas, Fort Stanton was established in 1855 in the recently acquired New Mexico Territory and its presence brought stability to the area and encouraged settlement of what would become Lincoln County, New Mexico; and"

"Whereas, Fort Stanton was the dominant factor in the economic growth of the area for 80 years and it was transferred to the State of New Mexico in 1883 for use as a state tuberculosis hospital and has continued to serve the State of New Mexico in a series of declining uses; and"

"Whereas, Fort Stanton if properly rehabilitated would preserve a significant piece of multi-cultural heritage, have a positive impact on tourism in New Mexico and would become a dominant contributor to the economy in the area for decades to come."

"Now, therefore, be it resolved that Fort Stanton needs immediate funds to protect and properly maintain structures from further deterioration; and"

"Be it further resolved that Fort Stanton needs legislative commitment during this legislative session, January 2002, to an investment plan that will support the development of a significant historical and recreational center for present and future generations."

Lincoln County manager Tom Stewart told THE NEWS that the Fort Stanton Kells and Craig study has been published and is now with Les Swindle at the Property Control Division of the New Mexico General Services Department which has jurisdiction over Fort Stanton. Stewart said he has ordered a copy which should arrive at his office in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo next week. He said the public will have opportunity to view the report in his office, or obtain copies.

The outlook for funding for Fort Stanton next fiscal year is not good, Stewart added. He said he has been in contact with a representative of the state Legislative Finance Committee, who has advised that no money has been put in the general services division budget for the next fiscal year for the two current state maintenance employees at Fort Stanton. "It doesn't look good for funding for Fort Stanton this year, no matter what the Kells and Craig report says," Stewart added.

Stewart also told THE NEWS that there is a rumor about the Hubbard golf course trying to buy the Fort Stanton water rights. "The rumor may be fact," Stewart said. "But as of December 13, General Services Department Secretary Steven Belfort has said the water rights will not be separated from the Fort Stanton property."

Belfort, who made the statement to the State Legislative Finance Committee on December 13, also made the same statement at the August 8 hearing of the Legislative Finance Committee held at Fort Stanton.



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NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS DELINQUENT TAX

LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners that they must pay their second half property taxes by December 10, 2001 to avoid penalties and interest.

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

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Sheriff's Report

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

December 11:
12:29 p.m. accident at mile marker 155 on Highway 54. State police were notified and three ambulances requested for the six injured people. Carrizozo, Corona and Ruidoso ambulances responded and transported the injured to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

1:43 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 12 on State Road 37. The ambulance was refused.

2:47 p.m. ill woman at residence on D. Ave. Carrizozo standby ambulance transported the patient to LCMC.

5:51 p.m. request for deputy for peacekeeping for son to return tools at location on Spring Road.

December 12:
8 a.m. deputies advise they were on a Children, Youth and Families referral in Ruidoso and Carrizozo.

8:05 a.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 270 on Highway 70. Glencoe Fire Department and Ruidoso ambulance Med 1 responded and transported patient to LCMC.

10:45 a.m. stolen vehicle from Biscuit Hill, White Angel Mesa, area. Deputy advised he would meet with the caller at his work

in Ruidoso Downs.
4:13 p.m. request for deputy for cat bite at Fort Stanton.

9:59 p.m. domestic on Sierra Drive. Two deputies assigned.

December 13:
9:41 a.m. request for ambulance at mile marker 117 on Highway 54. Carrizozo ambulance responded but was refused.

10:13 a.m. Carrizozo clinic requested Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance for transport to LCMC.

4 p.m. request for deputy to take report on damage to property, a gate at Kokopelli Country Club.

6:08 p.m. vehicle v. deer on Highway 70 near Tinnie, State police notified.

11 p.m. phone harassment at location on E002. Caller advised of receiving telephone calls with threats to her well being and requested an officer to file a report.

December 14:
10:40 a.m. deputy advised she served an arrest warrant in Ruidoso.

10:40 a.m. another deputy advised he served an arrest warrant.

2:26 p.m. criminal damage to property in the Alto area.

5:13 p.m. suspicious package on High Mesa Road. Deputy responded.

11:32 p.m. request for ambulance at the Lincoln County Detention Center for a female inmate who

spoke only Spanish. Carrizozo ambulance responded.

December 15:
9:35 a.m. deputy advised he did warrant service in Ruidoso.

12:06 p.m. rancher in Nogal area reported damage to windmill.

1:08 p.m. 911 request for ambulance at business in Carrizozo where a woman fell and hurt her hip. Carrizozo ambulance responded but the patient refused transport.

1:27 p.m. deputy advised she did warrant service.

December 16:
8:19 a.m. request for ambulance at H. Ave. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

10:01 a.m. Bonito fire fighter advised he would be standing by at controlled burn.

11 a.m. accident without injuries at mile marker 1 on Highway 37.

1 p.m. agency assist requested from Apache County Sheriff's Office in Arizona to get photos of bruises on a subject involved in a domestic violence. A deputy advised he would standby at the subject's residence in an RV park.

5:01 p.m. harassment. A caller from Capitan reported harassment at a ski shop in the Alto area.

10:20 p.m. request for ambulance at residence on



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