This Is A Major Election Year

by Doris Cherry

2002 is a major election year for the state of New Mexico.

The election cycle begins with filing for municipal offices on Tuesday, January 8. Potential municipal candidates should contact their respective municipal clerks for filing information before January 8. Mu

nicipal elections will be held on Tuesday, March 5.

Also to be elected in 2002 are one U.S. senator, all U.S. representatives, governor and various state offices, and county offices.

On Monday, January 28, the governor will issue the Primary Election Proclamation that sets the election year in motion on a state level. That is also the

last day potential candidates may change their party affiliation for the primary election in June.

Tuesday, February 12 is filing day for state and federal offices. Nominating petitions and declarations of candidacy for any statewide or federal office must be filed between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the office of the secretary of

state in the capitol building annex in Santa Fe.

Those who must file on February 12 with the secretary of state in her office in Santa Fe are candidates for U.S. senator, U.S. representative, governor, lieu tenant governor, secretary of state, state auditor, state treasurer, state attorney general, state commissioner of public lands, jus

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tice of the state supreme court, judge of the state court of appeals, state representatives in those districts composed of more

than one county, state public regulation commission (PRC), state board of education, district judges and all declarations of judicial retention.

All state offices with districts, except the PRC, con-

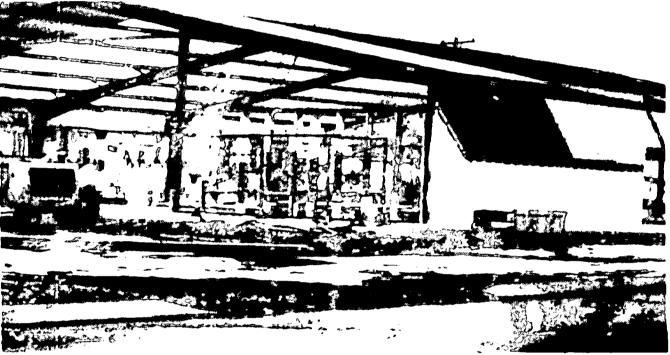
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NEW MAGISTRATE COURT Construction continues on a new magistrate court facility in Carri zozo. According to Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean, the new facility will feature new offices for the judge, court clerks, a conference room for visiting judges, a small courtroom and large courtroom for jury trials. Judge Dean however is concerned about a state proposal to close one of the two Lincoln County Magistrate Courts which in total had criminal case loads of 4,606 in the last year

Snow Storm Snarls Irati

by Doris Cherry

A New Year's Eve snow storm that dumped up to nine inches on the mountains of Lincoln County snarled traffic and stranded locals as well as thousands of visitors here for the holidays. The storm also left about two inches of snow in Carrizozo, Hondo and the other lower elevations of the county.

Lincoln County road department crews were out with snow plows and salt trucks through New Years eve and New Year's day concentrating on the highly traveled Gavilan Canyon Road and Cedar Creek Road near Ruidoso. According to road supervisor Albert Hernandez county road crews were out with three motor graders, the two big snow plows and three little snow plows on

County Democrats To Meet January 12

Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 12, at Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso.

Business will include discussion of 2002 calendar, and announcement of a candidate workshop in March.

Business meeting will precede lunch, which can be ordered from the menu. For more information call Doris Cherry at 354-2673 or

Marc Prelo at 257-3000.

New Year's Day, On New Year's Eve only the crew supervisor and one worker were out with the snow trucks.

Even though on overtime, eight employees and the foreman were out with the snow trucks on New Year's Day. By January 2, the full road crew was out clearing secondary roads, with the blade men going back into their regular districts by Friday.

Hernandez said the road department is gearing up for the next storm, getting a new order of salt. He said crews dumped about 40 tons of salt so far this winter season.

With the snowstorms over the Christmas and New Year's holiday, county road crews have accumulated about 150 hours of overtime. Hernandez said while he prefers to give crews time off instead of paying overtime, he had to work the crews in overtime during the last two holiday storms. "We're looking good in the bvertime in the road department budget," Hernandez told NEWS. He said they were able to adjust other areas in the road department budget to cover the over-

As for the number of visitors in the county over the holiday, Hernandez said there was a lot of traffic on New Year's Eve, but it did not seem more than usual for the Christmas holiday in the mountainous areas

According to the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office dispatch center, there were several minor weather related accidents on New Year's Eve. On Highway 380 on Indian Divide, a truck unable to go up the slick steep grade stopped in the middle of the roadway and created a chain reaction of minor accidents. On Gavilan Canyon a vehicle went off the roadway and rolled in front of a county road department employee. The driver was

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County Asks To Keep Two Magistrate Courts

by Doris Cherry

Lancoln County Commis sioners are asking the state legislature to keep two magistrate judge for Lincoln County

Today, Thursday, January 3, county commission. ers and other elected officials are meeting with state legislators Senators Pete Campos and Diana Durar and Rep. Dub Williams at the Lincoln County Court house in Carrizozo

County commissioners and others will present their legislative priorities to be presented to the state. legislature during the upcoming session that opens January 15 in Santa Fe-County commissioners will present appropriation requests as well as resolutions supporting the sec-

Lancoln County and support for Fort Stanton

At their December 20 meeting in their chambers. in the Lancoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, county commissioners adopted a resolution ask ing the state legislature to keep the second magistrate. court in Lincoln County County manager Tom Stewart and he had learned of a proposal to bepresented in the upcoming degislative session to reduce the two magistrate. courts to one with a circuit other magistrate courts for Carrizozo. This single - throughout the state servemagistrate judge would be - far less than the judges in expected to spend three. Lancoln County days a week in Ruidoso. and two days in Carrizozo

Stewart said the current workload on the magistrates and the distances

ond magistrate court in involved make the proposal unworkable. Stewart said currently the magis. trate courts in Lancoln County have about 4,606 pending cases per year in a county that has a population that swells to more than 50,000 from tourism "Add to that 42 miles one way in travel from Ruidoso to Carrizozo,' Stewart said.

> Other magistrates in the state have no more than 500 cases a year," Stewart added. According to information from the Adminis trative Office of the Courts,

> Currently a new magis trate court complex is be ing constructed across the street from the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo Magistrate Judge Gerald Dean Jr., whose office is located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, said the new facility will have enough room for a new office for the sitting magistrate judge, conference area for visiting judges, hearing room and large room for jury trials.

> Dean said he planned to attend the legislative meet ing today to present states. tics on the number of pending case loads in the

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Commodities To Be Delivered In Zozo Jan. 16 & 17

Food commodities will be delivered on January 16 and 17 at Carrizozo Town Hall Conference Room in Carrizozo.

Deliveries will be made from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 16 and from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, January 17 at the Carrizozo Town Hall conference room.

Households with seniors aged 60 and over and households with children under the age of five who do not get WIC are eligible to receive the commodi-

Participants should bring sacks or boxes to take home their food.

Santa Rita Welcomes Fr. Franklin Eichhorst

On Friday, January 4 at 6:00 p.m. Santa Rita Catholic Community will welcome Ir Tranklin Eichhorst, OFM, Cap. with a Pot Luck Supper, Er. Franklin will be the visiting priest while Ir. Dave Bergs is on his Sabbatical in Guatemala. Fr. Franklin is a retired priest and former Pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Lovington, NM.

Fr. Dave will be studying Spanish at Casa Xelaju in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala starting January 14 and will return to Santa Rita at the end of May for a week and at the end of June will resume as pastor of Santa Rita Community.



LINCOLN COUNTY ASSESSOR Rick Silva presents a plaque of appreciation to Ronnie Beltran during the Lincoln County Commission meeting on December 20. Beltran is retiring after 25 years of service with Lincoln County. Beltran was recently certified as appraiser.

This Is A Major

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tinue to be on hold. The Kinley counties) voters in governor vetoed all redistricting proposals, except PRC, developed during the legislative redistricting special session in September, sending the redistricting proposals into district court.

Lincoln County Clerk Martha Proctor said she contacted the secretary of state office on Wednesday, January 2 and learned that the case in first district court in Albuquerque, with Judge Frank Allen presiding, over the congressional house districts had been resolved that day. With the court decision (that only affects eight precincts in Bernahillo, Cibola and Mc

Lincoln County will continue to be represented by Congressional District 2. Proctor said. However this could be subject to appeal.

Also on Wednesday, Proctor told THE NEWS that Judge Allen was to start considering the state legislative districts on Wednesday.

Under the new PRC districts signed by the governor, Lincoln County voters in precincts 1, 3 and 12 will vote for PRC district 2 can didate, and Lincoln county voters in precincts 2, 4, 5, 6. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 will vote for PRC district 5 can didate

Proctor said she encour

ages voters to update their voter registration now. Once the new state districts have been finalized the clerk's office will mail out new voter registration cards with information on the state representative, state senate, state school board, PRC districts and the new Lincoln County Commission districts just approved. She said the voter's residential physical location will determine what district the voter is

Proctor also encouraged voters to update their mailing addresses because many have had a change from a post office number to a house number. Call the County Clerk's office at 648 2394 for information on voter registration or filing for office.

By Wednesday, February 20, the secretary of state must certify to the chair of each state political party the names of that party's candidates for various fed eral and statewide offices who have filed their declaration of candidacy

Tuesday, March 12 is fill ing day for state write in candidates. Anyone wishing to be a write in candidate must file with the secretary of state a declaration of intent for the following offices the office of US representative, members of the state legislature, district judges, district attor. neys, public regulation commission, state board of education, and any office. voted on by all voters of the state

Tuesday, March 19 is filing day for county offices and some state offices Nominating petitions and declaration of candidacy must be filed this day for public regulation commission, district judges, magistrate judges, district at torney, state board of edu-

In Lincoln County offices open for election are County Commission districts 2, 4 and 5; county clerk; county treasurer; and magistrate judges division I and II. Currently the county offices are held by county commissioner District 2 Ray Nunley who is at term limit and cannot run for the seat again, county clerk Martha Proctor who is also at term limit for clerk, and county treasurer Joan Park also at term limit.

The magistrate judge positions are now held by Gerald Dean Jr. and Bill Butts, whose offices do not have term limits.

Tuesday, April 2 is the last day any filed candidate can withdraw from the June primary election.

Absentee voting for the June 4 primary election begins April 25. In person absentee voting begins May 15. Voter registration for the June 4 primary closes on May 7.

For more information about filing for a political office, call your respective municipal clerk for municipal positions, (filing date is January 8) or call the county clerk office at 648-2394 for information on voter registration and all elections in 2002.



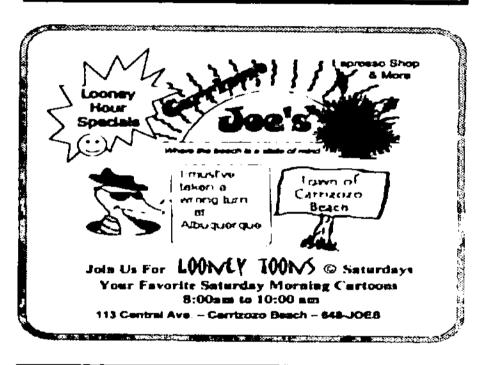
LIGHTING THE WAY. Thanks to the many volunteers like the Carrizozo youngsters shown here, 12,000 luminarias were set in place along all the major streets in Carrizozo, for the annual lighting display. The luminarias were lit later in the evening on Christmas Eve for local residents, visitors and tourists to enjoy.

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County Asks To Keep-

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Lincoln County magistrate 2000 to June 30, 2001.

ed by county commission ers to be presented to legislators was in support of deemed appropriate.

Stewart reported that the governor with all other final report of the Kells capital outlay bills. and Craig study was comin 2000. "The county has yet to receive instruction do with the \$44,000 Economic Development Administration grant," Stewart said. The county contributed \$6,000 to the grant that is supposed to help pay for a business plan to implement the Kells and Craig study results. Stewart said he was concerned because the county cannot continue to keep extending the federal grant.

Other legislative requests to be submitted by the county included an update of the Small Counties Assistance Act to assure that all funding from this act go to eligible counties. In 2001, of the \$4.4 million collected in taxes under this act, \$2.7 million reverted back to the state general fund. Eight of 20 potentially eligible counties, including Lincoln County, received no money. The request for legislators is to update the formula to entitle more of the small counties to receive the \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year entitlement as intended by the act.

County commissioners also requested the state consider providing incentives to local fire departments through fire fund appropriations for improving their ISO ratings that affect their insurance premiums. Currently some 60 percent of the state fire funding goes into the state general fund.

Other legislative prioricourts. He said in all crimic ties include legislation to nal- and civil cases, both make computer program-Lincoln County magistrate mers for county operations courts had a total 5,237 hable for their errors; and a pending cases from July 1, request for legislation to increase the current \$5 a Another resolution adopt day reimbursement for members of county road review committees

In funding requests. Fort Stanton Stewart said county commissioners will that reportedly there have ask for an amendment of been negotiations between two previous appropriathe state and a private in tions for the Lincoln Counterest to sell the water ty Fair Grounds. The aprights associated with Fort propriations of \$100,000 Stanton While the county and \$95,750 were approved commissioner request in 2000 to renovate facili these water rights not be ties, rings, lighting, electriseparated from the Fort, at cal and water lines' at the the very minimum any fair grounds. At the 2001 negotiation for the Fort legislative session, the Stanton water rights county was successful in should receive review and getting bills passed that comment of the state legis - increased the scope of the lators, and a competitive appropriations to allow bidding process if a sale is construction at the fair grounds However those Also about Fort Stanton, bills were vetoed by the

Another request from pleted in November, paid county commissioners will for with the \$50,000 appro- be for change in appropriapristion from the governor—tion in the New Horizons Sprinkler project, which was funded in 2000. The from the state on what to fire sprinkler project took only \$43,396 of the \$65,000 in funding. With the remaining funds the New Horizons facility would like to repair a portion of the roof.

County commissioners are also asking that a \$20,000 appropriation from the state in 2000 for the New Horizons facility, be re-titled for use by the community of Lincoln for security fencing around water resources which are subject to vandalism.

New appropriation requests from the county are \$175,000 for new sheriff's radio dispatch equipment; \$156,000 for construction of a DWI detention annex for housing and counseling of DWI offenders and other non-violent detainees; \$105,000 for renovation of the old county jail in the Lincoln County Courthouse for additional office space.

The 45th state legislative session opens Tuesday, January 15 in the state capitol building in Santa





A three day snow storm blanketed Lincoln County over New Years holiday. causing numerous accidents and turning the ski run road into a parking lot



Today is predicted to be somewhat warmer, but another brief storm is expected to bring snow show. ers to the mountains by Friday.

Breezes are expected to bring warmer days through the weekend.

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, January

Partly cloudy with moderating temperatures. High of 47 in Carrizozo. No chance for precipitation. Tonight, increasing cloudiness. Low of 16.

Friday, January 4: Partly cloudy and breezy, slight chance of showers. High to 53.

Saturday to Monday, January 5 to 7:

Partly cloudy, highs to 55. Lows to 30. Tuesday, January 8:

Clear to partly cloudy. Highs to 62, lows to 32. Partly cloudy with

chance of showers. Highs

to 53 and lows to mid 20s. Forecast for Ruidoso. Capitan, Corona and the higher elevations of Lin-

coln County: Today, Thursday, January

Partly cloudy with moderating temperatures. High of 44 in Ruidoso, No chance for more precipitation. Tonight increasing cloudiness with low of 12 in Ruidoso.

Friday, January 4: Partly cloudy and breezy, with slight chance of mountain snow showers. Highs 38 to low 40s, lows to

Saturday to Monday,

January 5-7: Partly cloudy with highs in the 40s. Lows from 15.

Tuesday, January 8: Clear to partly cloudy with highs in the 50s. Lows in the teens to 20s.



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

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 6:80 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, JANUARY 3

-Billy the Kid Scenic Byways Committee 2 p.m. Ruidoso Village Hall.

-- Capitan School Smokey Bear Basketball tournament begins with games through Saturday, January 5.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5

-- Opening art shows at Ruidoso Public Library, Todd Shelby and Karen Pritchett Animalia Pottery and Photographic Society of Lincoln County.

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

--Students return to class in Capitan, Carrizozo and Corona.

-Capitan Chamber of Commerce, 12:30 p.m. chamber

building an Second Street.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8 -Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council meets 8

a.m. at LCMC board meeting room.

--Filing day for municipal candidates. File between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the office of your respective municipal clerk. Call your clerk for more specific information and what documents are needed to file.

--Ruidoso Utility Council 9:30 a.m. Ruidoso Village

-Carrizozo Chamber of Commerce meets at 12 noon at Chris & Di's Four Winds Restaurant. Public invited.

-- Capitan American Legion Post #57, Capitan Senior

Center 7 p.m.

-Carrizozo Town Trustees 6 p.m. -- Ruidoso Village Council 6:30 p.m.

–Capitan Village Trustees 7 p.m.,

-Corona Board of Education 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

-Capitan Board of Education meets at 6 p.m. administration building.

-- Corona Village Trustees 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

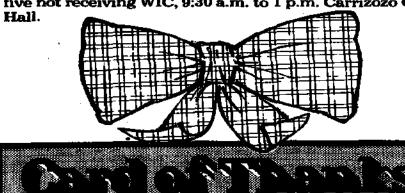
-Democratic Party of Lincoln County, "Second Saturday" meeting, 11 a.m. Cree Meadows Restaurant in Ruidoso. Order from the menu.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

-Food commodities for seniors and children under age five not receiving WIC, 12 noon to 4 p.m. Carrizozo City Hall conference room.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

-- Food commodities for seniors and children under age five not receiving WIC, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carrizozo City



A Special Thank You To:

My family for all the volunteer work, Peter Wolfe for the experience, all the businesses and individuals that helped during the summer program, the women at City Hall for the support and believing in me, Margaret and Bob Woodard's group, Capitan Home Schooling supporters, all bowling leagues. and the public that supported the Carrizozo Rec Center -- those that didn't . . . your loss. Good luck Eli!

MaryAnn

Snow Storm Snarls

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shaken but not injured.

On New Year's Eve the ski run road became a parking lot, as the late day snowfall iced over the steep roadway, causing several vehicles, even the state highway department salt trucks, to slide into the ditches. According to an eyewitness, traffic was backed up until after 10 p.m. into the ski area parking lot, then crept down the mountain.

A weather related multicar pilé up on Highway 70 east of Ruidoso Downs on New Year's Eve also stopped traffic on that major route. There were no major injuries reported in that incident.

A roll over without injuries occurred north of Carrizozo on Highway 54, just after midnight on New Year's day.

Another storm is expected by Friday. Visitors and locals are reminded to follow safe driving tips during winter weather. Those include keeping a full tank of gas, also keeping in the vehicle extra blankets or Mylar emergency covers, drinking water, non perishable snacks, cat litter for traction, and if living in the high mountains, a set of chains.

Are You Ready For A Winter Storm?

Rosemary Luchini Gonzalez Lincoln County Emergency **Management Coordinator**

Here's what you can do to prepare for such an

emergency: Prepare a winter storm

Have extra blankets on hand.

Ensure that each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves or mittens, hat, and water-resistant boots.

Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing: - First aid kit and essential medications.

 Battery-powered NOAA Weather Radio and portable radio, flashlight, and extra batteries.

Canned food and nonelectric can opener. Bottled Have your car winterized

before winter storm sea-

Assemble a disaster supplies kit for your car.

Stay tuned for

Listen to NOAA Weather Radio and your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information.

Know what winter storm WATCHES AND WARN-INGS mean:

- A.winter storm WATCH means a winter storm is possible in your area. A winter storm WARNING means a winter storm is headed for your area. A blizzard WARNING means strong winds, blinding wind-driven snow, and dangerous wind chill are expected. Seek shelter immediately!

When a winter storm WARNING is issued

Stay indoors during the

If you-must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.

Understand the hazards of wind chill, which combines the cooling effect of wind and cold temperatures on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from a person's body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature.

Walk carefully on snowy, icy sidewalks.

After the storm, if you shovel snow, be extremely careful. It is physically strenuous work, so take frequent breaks. Avoid overexertion.

Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must Have emergency supplies in the trunk.

Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.

Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.

If you do get stuck: Stay with your car. Do not try top walk to safety.

Tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see. Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won't back up into the car.

Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen. As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.

Keep one window away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air.



TELA V. BUSSEY

Tela V. Bussey, 84, a resident of Corona, died December 30. She was born April 30, 1917 in Spur County, TX.

She is survived by her son Carl Hunton and daughter Carolyn Gibbs, her daughters Peggy Proctor and her husband Floyd of Corona; Terry Stoneman and Sammy of Artesia; her sisters Nettie Young of Abernathy, TX and Beda Bousard of Mineral Wells, TX; 17 grandchildren and 35 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by five brothers, two sisters, husband Monty, daughter Monnette Johnson, and sons Jim Bussey and Lonnie Bussey.

Tela was a member of the Claunch Women's Club. Services were held January 2 at the Claunch Com-

munity Church with Rev. Merl Lindsey officiating. **Pallbearers** were her grandsons and great grandsons. Burial was at the Claunch Cemetery,

Arrangements were entrusted to the Harris, Mortuary Hanlon Mountainair.

Most importantly, travelers need to keep an eye on the weather and give themselves more time when slippery conditions begin

to happen. In driving in snowy roads, keep a steady speed with no sudden stops, or movement of the front wheels, and give more space for stopping by tapping on the brakes.



January 4 Tem January 10, 2002

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THOUGHTS

FROM THE EDITOR'S DUCK

Is it a problem or not?

By Ruth Hammond

Here it is the year 2002, the year known familiarly as the year two ought ought two. Strange as it may be, some people are referring to this year as ought two, and last year as ought one. We don't remember if they called the year before ought ought or not, but maybe they did and we just didn't notice it. The past couple of years have been a tad bit different anyway, what with all the unused material that was dated 19 needing to be replaced with 20 It makes you wonder why someone didn't think about all the problems that were caused by having different years with different numbers. It would have been much simpler if it was just one year forever. O.K. stop throwing things, we were only teasing. Of course we need a new number for a new year, just as we might need new people to fill some of the offices that will be up for election during the elections.

Apparently some people assume they will be elected, or re-elected, depending on which office is being discussed, or in some instances being cussed. Actually we haven't heard much cussing about the election, but we have heard some off-color remarks about how some municipalities are conducting, or not conducting, their business. Earlier this week we were asked if there had been a response to our questions about the town paying for bottled water for the police/court complex in Carrizozo. We explained that the only response we received was that maybe they needed it for their coffee maker. That was when this person said, "I have a coffee maker." The person also added that the water in Carrizozo is terrible. We certainly won't disagree...

Pretending is a child's game, but apparently some of our elected officials are pretending there is no problem. with using town money for the pleasure of a select few One excuse we were given was that water was needed for visitors to the court or police department. Hey guys, we have one of those two and a half gallon water containers that we would be happy to donate to the town to use. That way the town could fill the container from the tap and have the container on the counter for the convenience of any and all visitors. Seems like an easy solution to a situation that should never have happened, but continues as the town continues to pay for bottled water for a select few

Perhaps the mayor of Albuquerque has the right idea. He said the City of Albuquerque could save \$58,000 a year by not buying bottled water. Do you suppose he will allow the city to buy bottled water for a select few offices? Our theory is that if the tap water is good enough for the residents, it should be good enough for visitors and for the town employees. If there is a problem with the tap water, then the town should correct the tap water problem, not quietly pay each month for bottled water for a select few.

You may disagree and you may prefer to have your white dishes turned brown from the Iron in the well water And you may prefer for the town to spend lots of money to make life more comfortable for a select few people. If you agree or if you disagree, next Tuesday you may have the opportunity to file as a candidate for office. Think about it

Don't forget to file Tuesday



EDITOR: Recently an article in your paper reported on the 100% raise in pay for the new manager of the LCSWA after being on the job full time barely a month. I have watched with dismay for many years the Senate and House of Representatives voting themselves yearly raises. And many men and women who have served in the military and become ill, while doing so, can't even get decent medical care, and people who desperately need Social Security Disability have to fight tooth and nail for anything. And now it seems political/power abuse may be alive and well in Lincoln County.

Amazingly Debra Ingle got a unanimous vote by the LCSWA Board (which she used to serve on and now at least one fellow Capitan village trustee serves on) for the 100% raise. Besides just being totally shocked that someone would get such a large raise in pay so soon has created even more questions than her

appointment had.

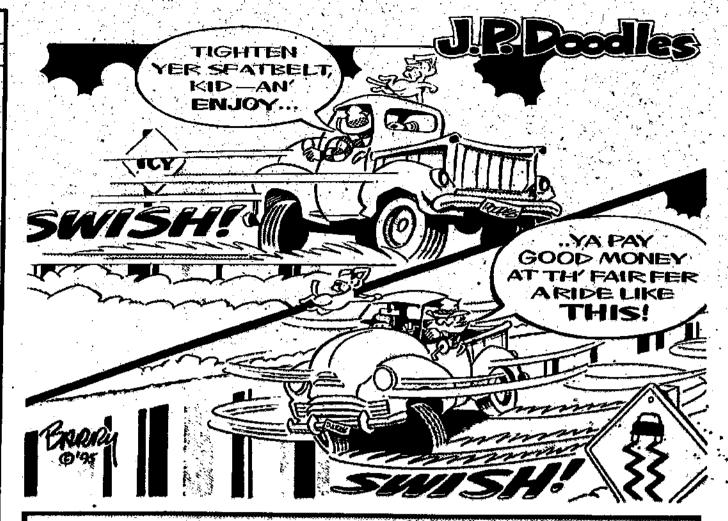
When were the people who are out there day after day, cold, wet, dry, sunny, snowing, picking up our trash given a raise and how much was it? The reality is our trash gets picked up because of these guys. I have never seen Ms. Ingle out on a truck picking up trash. And if all the praise directed to Ms. Ingle for the recent improvements in the system under her management are correct then I definitely believe the employees working on the front lines do need substantial raises.

According to the paper John Whitaker rasied a good question which was not answered. What about other potential applicants who vied for that position when Ms. Ingle was chosen? Were they told the salary would be \$20,000.00 a year or \$40,000.00? Should the position be posted again with a salary of

\$40,000.00 now to make it a "fair" process? Is LCSWA a public entity because it does get some money from the county? If so are their meetings open and the minutes of the meetings available to the public? If they are a public entity then are they not bound to the hiring practices of a public entity?

And finally, is the mission of LCSWA to make money or pick up garbage? Thank you for letting me raise additional questions about a very important function to residents.

> RAYNENE KATE GREER Capitan, New Mexico



INSIDE THE CAPITOL by Jay Miller

SANTA FE: And for my final act. I will attempt death-delying-school consolidation, tah-dah.

Cov. Gary Johnson has saved the best for last. Sure. private school vouchers have been a tough sell. He's tried it every year and probably won't do any better in his last year than the 2-1 deteats he has suffered in the past,

Drug legalization has been an even tougher sell. but most New Mexicans have just quietly shaken their heads and said, "Well, that's Gary's "Well, Gary's thing."

Even tax cuts haven't been easy. Gov. Johnson has always wanted more than the Legislature was willing to give. Last year he vetoed his last chance at a tax cut because it wasn't big enough. He'll try again this year but with the economy down the tubes, the Legislature is unlikely to even make an offer.

And now comes school consolidation, one of the biggest of the hot-button issues. Although there was stiff opposition among school people against vouchers, they mostly stayed home and communicated their thoughts to lawmakers in Santa Fe. Drug legalization didn't pull out angry crowds. Too the contrary, the air sweetened considerably when longhairs and new-agers gathered to cheer on the governor.

But school consolidation? There is only one other issue to compare it to - and the governor doesn't want to hear this. Cockfighting. That's right, cockfighting. Lawmakers well remember the crowds that

descended on the Capital the last couple of times , that issue was raised. Proponents ended up throwing in the towel and observing that they never knew chicken fighting is as all-American as apple ple.

Cock fighters use the way-of-life argument, and that is the basis of the school consolidation opposition. Schools are the cornerstone of small communities. School buildings are the one place in town that taxpayers own. Community life revolves around them.

Everyone in the community is involved in schoof events. If the town is big enough to have athletic teams, everyone goes to the games and nearly every student gets to participate in some way. If a small elementary school is all that is left in the community, people still have pride in that school.

At a hearing over the closure of one of the last districts in the state to be consolidated, a big rancher stood up, tears welling in his eyes, and said, "Don't you remember that it was only two years ago that a student from this school won the county spelling bee in this very room?"

Do you get my drift? Raw emotion. It's the sort of thing no decision-making body likes to deal with. Oh, if they get rowdy, lawmakers can call in the dozens of State Police who inhabit the Capitol during sessions. But these folks don't get rowdy. These are going to be mostly farmers and ranchers and they are the most polite people you will ever meet.

And it's not as if New Mexico hasn't already been through the consoli-

dation seene. In the 1950s. the state Board of Education closed down 500 school districts. That's right, 500. New Mexico had over 600 districts at the time and they were whit-tled down to 90. That's over 80 percent of the state's districts.

Sure, there still may be a few districts that could be consolidated, but it's not worth the struggle. The cavings in administrative costs usually are more than offset by increases in transportation.

Gov. Johnson's plan is pure folly. He wants to go from 89 to 49 districts, which all will be between 5.000 and 8.500 students. That means splitting up Albuquerque and creating a few districts that cover more area than some states. Try finding 5.000 students in northeast or central New Mexico.

LETTERS TO THE **EDITOR POLICY**

The Lincoln County News welcomes letters to the editor.

Letters will be the writer's personal opinion and will not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the Lincoln County News.

All letters must be original, no copies or form letters will be used. Preference is given to typewritten letters. Handwritten letters must be legible.

Letters must be signed by the writer with the author's full name, address, and telephone number. Only the writer's name and city of residence will be published. Thank You Letters will not be accepted as Letters to the Editor.

Letters of any length will be considered for publication with priority given to letters of no more than 300 words. All letters are subject to editing for length, grammar, spelling, and reader interest.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Lincoln County News 309 Central Ave. P.O. Drawer 459 Carrizozo, NM 88301

PSYCHIC PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM



JUDITH L. CHRISTOPHER You Can Receive A Personal Confidential Reading Call for Appointment 257-2996

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Watch your Step! What you say & how you walk! You may be out of balance at this time. You will start eating & sleeping right to fix this problem!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) Don't try to fix something that can't be fixed! Give this problem to someone who can do it better then you! Start now in fixing you for the New Year!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) You will feel tom between what you need to do, and what needs to be done the right way. Don't go too fast, what you're about to do can last a life time!

Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) It seems always about Money or Love! This next year you will make a good plan on how to make more money, look better, and be happier! You Will do it!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) You may be feeling lost! Trying to make every-one happy, but it will not work! Take care of your health first, then tackle the hard things later.

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Get in touch with not only people you love, but the person deep inside you have left behind! You will become a different person in the months to come!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) There is still something missing! You thought if you could buy it... it would make you happy! Not! You are missing you! Look for the child that once was!

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) Another day, another dollar... gone! Sad to think! You will start looking for the good in others, as you would want them to look for the good in YOU!

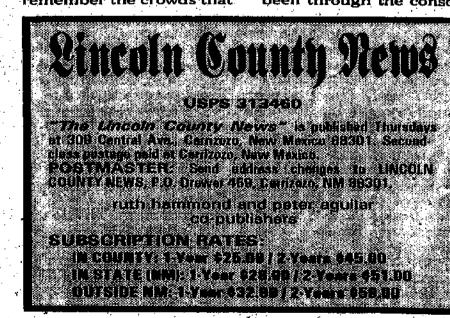
Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) You're about to start something new! One of no return, unless you stop doing what you Don't want to do! Fix it now before it's too late! You can do it!

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) You will ask yourself why you're not happy! You know why! You will do something about it starting very soon. When you go within to repair yourself.

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) The hard work you have been doing will pay off. You can be proud of yourself. Now if you can just fix your love life, you would be great!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) At this time... you can fix your life or mess it up for the next year! Write done

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Siefffs, Report

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

December 24: 1:18 p.m. unattended death in Hondo. Two deputies responded.

2:27 p.m. domestic at location on Spring Road, two deputies assigned.

4:10 p.m. request for ambulance at snow play area in Alto for patient with head injury. Med 1 ambulance from Ruidoso transported the patient to Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) in Ruidoso.

6:03 p.m. request for ambulance for elderly woman with seizures. Med 2 transported the patient to LCMC. December 25:

2:12 a.m. request for ambulance for 81 year old woman at a location on Dogwood. Carrizozo ambulance responded, then requested Ruidoso Advanced Life Support (RALS) ambulance that transported the patient to LCMC.

10:21 a.m. cat bite in Alto. Deputy responded.

11:52 a.m. request for ambulance at ski run for woman who fell and injured her head. Med 1 ambulance transported to LCMC.

3:24 p.m. request for ambulance for wife who fell at a ranch. Hondo ambulance

transported to LCMC. 3:57 p.m. deputy advised

of dog running at large. 4:50 p.m. suspicious activity, a pickup was at an empty house behind a business in Hondo.

December 26: 3:13 p.m. criminal damage to property on Pena Street in Ranches of Sonterral Deputies assigned.

11 p.m. suspicious activity, request for deputy to check out the house, the caller had just gotten home and the radio was coming off and on in another part of the house on Forest Drive in Alto. Deputy responded. December 27:

6:08 a.m. request for ambulance at location near Bonito Lake. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

9:12 a.m. 15 year old female runaway from location in Palo Verde Slopes. Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD) notified.

10:07 a.m. burglary in Jicarilla. Two deputies assigned.

11:29 a.m. wires down on Reynolds Drive in Ruidoso -Downs. Electric company was notified and deputy responded.

1:15 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for patient with back injury. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

1:53 p.m. suspicious activity on Musketball Road.

3:50 p.m. request for ambulance at the ski run for injured male. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

4:35 p.m. kids on the railroad tracks one mile south of Carrizozo. Deputy responded.

6:34 p.m. request for ambulance for ill male on D. Ave. Carrizozo responded and paged RALS to meet. them with a paramedic for transport to LCMC.

7:14 p.m. suspicious activity on Pappose Trail.

7:18 p.m. request for ambulance at condos in Alto area for toddler who was choking. Med 1 was paged but the caller advised they took the child by private vehicle.

8:47 p.m. missing person in Santa Fe.

December 28: 12:35 a.m. request for offifor verbal dispute/abuse, possible assistance to get male subject out of the house in a "spat with a newly married couple" in Capitan. A deputy responded.

1:41 a.m. red cow on the roadway at the intersection of Highway 380 and State Road 37. The ranch was notified and advised they were sending a hand to get the cow.

2:33 a.m. request for ambulance for sick 80 year old man at location on H, Ave. Carrizozo ambulance transported to LCMC.

10 a.m. accident without injuries on Nogal Canyon Road.

12:48 p.m. doctor from VA hospital in Albuquerque requested a welfare check of a patient in Lincoln. Deputy responded. 😘

2:20 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for woman with back pain. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

3:50 p.m. Judge Karen Parsons issued an arrest warrant to subject at the detention center. Deputy responded.

4:17 p.m. house fire on Musket Drive. Bonito Fire Department, Med 1, Ruidoso Fire Department, power company, and deputy responded.

8:19 p.m. deputy advised of harassment in Carrizozo. December 29:

10:45 a.m. shots fired on Airport Road. Two deputies assigned.

10:53 a.m. black Chow dog dragging a rope on Mesa Loop in the Ruidoso Downs area. Responding deputy took the "prisoner" to the shelter.

11:23 a.m. 911 request for ambulance at the ski run for a patient with fracture. RALS responded.

11:35 a.m. subject throwing rocks, playing chicken with the train at the White Oaks crossing. The subject was charged with trespass-

2:47 p.m. request for ambulance at ski run for woman with back pain. Med .

1 transported to LCMC. 3:44 p.m. Capitan police

report possible rape at location east of the village. 4:16 p.m. deputy advised

of a criminal sexual penetration (CSP) in Capitan. 6:46 p.m. alarm company

advised of audible alarm sounding in San Patricio. Three deputies assigned. 10:24 p.m. loud music on

Screaming Eagle in Alto North. The loud music was coming from an unsupervised youth party.

10:55 p.m. deputy advised of making a traffic stop and arrest at mile marker 67 on Highway 380.

December 30:

5:20 a.m. business reported someone got into their propane tank cage, again, and requested officer at 8 a.m.

7:48 a.m. request for ambulance to location on North Center Road. Capitan ambulance responded.

8:20 a.m. trespassing at location off mile marker 116 on Highway 54. Deputy responded and advised all was okay.

11:30 a.m. request for ambulance at ski run for subject with neck pain. Med 1 transported to LCMC.

11:50 a.m. shot mule at location off Highway 70. 4:17 p.m. trespassing at

location on Indian Divide, a truck with a flatbed. 4:30 p.m. 911 report of accident with injuries at the intersection of French and High Mesa Drives in Alto.

RALS responded. 5:05 p.m. 911 report of accident without injuries at the intersection of Warrior Drive and Gavilan Canyon

Road. 8:37 p.m. 911 report of theft of utilities and damage to property in Enchanted Forest. A motorhome was on the caller's property and hooked up to

his electricity and also there was some property damage.

11:53 p.m. accident with injuries at mile marker 265 on Highway 70. RALS transported to LCMC. Glencoe Fire Department and Ruidoso Downs police and state police responded.

December 31: 8:22 a.m. request for ambulance at location on 4th Street, Capitan ambulance transported to meet with RALS which transported to

Psychic Predictions

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everything you want to do for this next year, & things you Don't wanti



Psychic Predictions for the Year 2002

My Prayers are with all of you, have a Wonderful New Year.

Judith "JuJu" Christopher

Scorpio: (Oct 23 - Nov 21) The first of the year may leave you wondering about your life! This year will be what you want it to be! You'll get off your assets and make a killing! You're on your own kid, get the job done right the first time! You're not getting any younger! So make everything & everyone count! Your Love life will fly high, just don't fall off your own pedestal!

Sagittarius: (Nov 22 - Dec 21) Rock? River? or Road? Where do you want to start? It seems you have to take the hardest, longest road to get where you want to go! "Isn't it great!" Travel...Eat...(favorite indoor sport!) This year is Golden, make plans to Love... Laugh... Live... like no other year! Reach for a Star and Swing up to the Sky, because there is no Limit!

Capricorn: (Dec 22 - Jan 19) Could be a real Good Year! For starters you'll "Stop the Madness!" You'll, let others do their own thing! L(o)(o)K in the mirror, find your true & wonderful self... Love like there's no tomorrow! You'll Make a wish, make it come true! Don't assume anything! You'll make your own way in life! Don't depend on others to make you happy!

Aquarius: (Jan 20 - Feb 18) WoW! What a way to go! If. you don't change something that needs to be changed (You know what it is!) then don't gripe when things don't change by themselves! Your Energy is Real Strong this year! Do Anything you put . your Mind & B-hind to what you want! Go Get IT! Love & Money don't mix! Watch your health! You know what to do!

Pisces: (Feb 19 - March 20) What you got away with last year, won't work this year! You will be around people that won't see eye to eye! This doesn't mean that you can't get what you want & need, (you usually do!) You'll travel more than usual. Don't waste your time on bad people or energy! When you Love, do it with all your Heart, or get out...while you can!

Aries: (Mar 21 - April 19) Your time will be more of the same, unless you put a stop of other people telling you what to do! You have a real good idear so do something with it! With or Without help! You can't make a dream come true until you wake up! Plan ahead, take it slow... Do it... Now! Hurry! Your Love will hurt, taking care of business means both! Love is good!

Taurus: (Apr 20 - May 20) Don't even start with an excuse! With the gifts you have, you should be Rich! Your love for life gives you the riches you need until you're hungry again! (I'm not talking food, although you do love to eat!) You can make Anything happen this year as long as you quit thinking about it and just do what needs to be done! Love will come you way...when you let

Gemini: (May 21 - June 20) Thank Goodness for the twin in you or you who get anything done! This year "Go For The Gold" You have wanted to do something for a long time, and by dangy, it's about time! You will have no one to blame but yourself if you don't make your dreams come true! By the way... you only get out of Love what you give? Give all you got!

Cancer: (June 21-July 22) What? Don't ask the questions, if you really don't because you're trying to do

want to know the answer! Some things are better left alone, like the Past! Start a New Year, by forgiving and forgetting! L(o)(o)k to the future, take the Bull by the horns & Go for the gusto of life! Remember that "Thing" you have wanted for a long time, then do it! Quit wasting time talking about it!

Leo: (July 23 - Aug 22) What have we here? Another year come & gone! O.K. You're going to do so much with your life this year, it will count as "Get. two! ready...Get set...Go!" Open the door first! "Ouch!" Don't get scared by the thought that you could really be Happy & have Money!! Who would of believed it! You can have it all! Just be sure to close the door behind you!

Virgo: (Aug 23 - Sept 22) In the past, you have not Loved with all your Heart, because you have been hurt! It's time to get over it! You are too good of a person not to give the love your were meant to give & have! So "Give It Up!" You'll wake up and find yourself old and lonely! Your money this year can also change for the better or worse! The more Love you give the more Money you'll You're make! Because Happy!

Libra: (Sept 22 - Oct 22) Things aren't changing.

new things, with old ways! Get out...meet people (not just the ones you work around, I mean real people!) Take a chance! You'll do something this year you never thought in a million years you would do! "You Go" You will meet some the most wonderful people, (when you open the door to life!)

Health And Wellness Council Meets Jan. 8

Lincoln County Health and Wellness Council meets at 8 a.m. Tuesday. January 8, in the board meeting room of the Lincoln County Medical Center in Ruidoso.

The public is invited to attend the open meeting. AGenda is available from Terrie Elliott at 117 El Paso Road in Ruidoso.

Weavers Group Meets Monthly

Mesilla Valley Weavers meet the third Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. September through May in the homes or studios of various members.

Anyone interested in fiber art in general can contact Peggy Czacki, treasurer, at 1-915-587-5782 or Carol Adams secretary at 1-505-526-4749. The regular meeting for the group will be held at 10 a.m. January 15. Call Sherry Gara at 505. 647-2137 for location and directions. Speaker Helen Garner will talk on building a tapestry loom.

Church Directory



MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH,

SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
Hogal Presbyterian Church: Bitt SEBRING, Pastor Sunday School

Ancho Community Presbyterian Church: SCOTT KING, Pastor / 648 2024 10:00 a.m Sunday School

Corona Presbyterian Church: Sunday School m.c 00.01 Worship .11:00 ani First Baptist Church

HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor 314 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM 648 2968 (Church) or 648 2107 Worship Service 10:55 a.m. Sun EveningTraining at 6:15 p.m.

Carrizozo Community Church (A/G)

JOHNIE L. JOHNSON, Pastor Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth, 648-2186 Children's Church 10:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship 7:15 p.m.

Santa Rita Catholic Community

FR. DAVE BERGS, Pastor 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853 SATURDAY: Canitan Sacred Heart Carrizozo Santa Rita 6:30 p.m. SUNDAY: Capitan Sacred Heart Carrizozo Santa Rita 10:30 a.m.

Church of Christ

TOM POINDEXTER, Minister 354-3135 Ave. C at 12th; Carrizozo, NM Worship Service 11:00 a.m. Evening Worship 1:15 p.m.

St. Matthias Episcopal Church

REV. CANON JOHN PENN, Rector Corner of E Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

LaGrone Funeral Chapel

Jerry & Lanita Rasak

Claunch Community Church

TONY SCACCIA, Minister 849 1402 Second Sunday of Easts Month 9:00 a.m.

United Methodist Churches

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor 1000 D. Ave, 648 2893 / 648 2646 Carrizozo, NM 88301 Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m. Choir Practice (Tuesday) 6: 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. 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)

Christ Community Fellowship

ED VINSON, Pastor (Inter denominational) 514 Smokey Bear Blvd., Capitan, NM

Capitan Church of Christ

LESLIE EARWOOD, Minister 5th & Lincoln / 336-4627 Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Trinity Southern Baptist Church

Phone 354-2044 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48) 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. Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Fellowship Dinner1st Sunday of Month

Bill Winkler

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 27, 2001, Caprock Pipe and Supply Company, P.O. Box 1535, Lovington, NM 88260, filed application No. H-98-A into H-98-A-A with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change location of well and place of use of 35/0 acre-feet per annum of shallow groundwater by ceasing the diversion of said waters from shallow well H-98-A located in the SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4 of Section 15. Township 11 South, Range 17 East, N.M.P.M., and ceasing the irrigation of 10.0 acres of land described as follows:

SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE	ACRE	S
SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4	15	11S	17E	0,6	
SW1/4SW1/4NE1/4	15	11S	17E	3,48	
SE1/4SW1/4NE1/4	15	11S	17E	5,92	

The applicant proposes to drill a well 14 inches in diameter and approximately 600 feet in depth at a point in the NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M., for the diversion of 35.0 acrefeet per annum of shallow groundwater, for the irrigation of 10.0 acres of land located in part of the NE1/4 of Section 36, Township 10 South, Range 13 East, N.M.P.M.

The move-from well and acreage are located approximately one mile southwest of Tinnie, off of the Alamo Canyon Road, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M. The move-to well and acreage are located approximately three miles west of Alto, off of the High Mesa Road, Lincoln County, New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

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 of 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 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 application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. CV 01-216

BANKERS TRUST COMPANY: AS TRUSTEE AND CUSTODIAN, Plaintiff.

JIMMY R. MCEUEN and THE UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JIMMY R. MCEUEN. Deferdant(s).

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on January 29, 2002, at 10:00 a m., at the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for each all the right, title and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said Coursey and State:

Lot 8, Block I of MORRIS ADDITION, Capitan, Limcin County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, April 4, 1933

The address of the real property is 415 West 3rd Street. Capitan. New Mexico. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on December 11, 2001, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$40,058.45, plus interest from December 12, 2001 to the date of sale at the rate of 12,002 per annum to the date of sale at the rate of 12,99% or \$12.59 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$200.00, publication costs, and plaintif's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its indepent to the mychase price in any part of its judgment to the purchase price in

At the date and time stated above, the Special Master may postpone the sale to such later date and time as the Special Master may specify.

Dated: 12/28/01

Peter Baca Special Master Box 215 Cartizozo, NM 88301 (505) 648-9925

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 15, 2002, meeting will be available at the office of the County Manager prior to said meeting.

Auxiliary aides are available upon request; please contact Martha Guevara at 648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting to make any necessary arrangements.

MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on January 8, 2002. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Commissioner's Room of the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Copies of the agenda for the January 8, 2002, meeting will be available at the office of the County

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MARTHA GUEVARA Assistant County Manager

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall hold Public Hearings beginning at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 17, 2002, to be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, to consider the following items:

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, RECOMPLILING AND RE-ENACTING ORDINANCE NO. 2001-13, WHICH REGULATES ROAD CUTS; REQUIRING PERSONS TO GIVE
NOTICE PRIOR TO EXCAVATION IN
RIGHTS-OF-WAY; PROVIDING FOR
EMERGENCY EXCAVATION; REQUIRING THE INSTALLATION OF CUL
VERTS IN COUNTY RIGHTS-OF-WAY
ACCESS; SETTING FEES; AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION.

B. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDING, REPEALING, AND RE-ENACTING SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

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

MARTHA GUEVARA **Assistant County Manager**

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that on December 3, 2001. Arthur Trujillo, P.O. Box 134, San Patricio, NM 88348, filed application No. 0746 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change partial point of diversion of 20.16 acre-feet per annum of surface waters of the Rio Ruidoso via the Sanchez Ditch, which diverts at a point in the NW1/4SE1/4NE1/4 of Section 28, Township 10 South, Range 16 East. N.M.P.M., by commencing the use of existing shallow well H-635 located in the NWI/4NEI/4SWI/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M., for the irrigation of 6.3 acres of land located in p art of the West 3/4 of Section 27, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, N.M.P.M.

The points of diversion are located approximately one mile west of San Patricio, along Highway 70, Lincoln County New Mexico, N.M.P.M.

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 of 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 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 application for impairment to existing water rights, public welfare of the state, and conservation of water within the state.

cc: Santa Fe

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> **COUNTY OF LINCOLN** Carrizozo, NM REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

No. 01-02-015

"Detention Center Fencing". DUE: January 16, 2002 at 2:00 p.m.

The County of Lincoln is seeking proposals for an &foot high industrial chain link fence, with barb wire/concertina on top and cement footing below; encircling the southern half of the Lincoln County Detention Center in Carrizozo.

Mandatory pre-proposal conference will be held on January 10, 2002 at 1:00 p.m. in the County Manager's office.

Proposal packets can be obtained at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Ave., Carrizozo or by calling Jane Williams, Purchasing Agent, 505-648-2385.

JANE WILLIAMS Purchasing Agent

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State Ag Secretary DuBois Is Honored

New Mexico Secretary of Agriculture Frank DuBois was honored with the first "Bud's Contract Award" at the Joint Stockmen's Con-Vention in Albuquerque on Saturday, December 8.

The late Bud Epperc, past president of New Mexico Public Lands Council (NMPLC), created the award which new president Mike Casabonne has carried on.

"Bud wanted to present this award to someone who has been a friend to the public land grazing industry, but he wasn't able to get it done before he left us," said Casabonne in a press release. "The NMPLC wanted to comply with Bud's wishes in presenting the award."

Epper's wife, Alice, presented the award to Du-Bois during a dinner reception and awards presentation at the Joint Stockmen's Convention.

Bud's Contract Award will be presented to a recipient at the Joint Stockmen's Convention every year. A large bronze plaque with engraved names of the recipients will be displayed at the Joe Skeen Building on New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

SNMEDD To Meet Jan. 11 In Roswell

Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) Council of Governments will hold its annual meeting at 10 a.m. Friday, January 11, at the Campus Union Building on Eastern New Mexico University in Ros-

The meeting will include election of officers, budget adjustments, audit review and approval and a surprise guest speaker,

For more information call 505-624-6131.

Army News

Emily A. Ruch has joined the U.S. Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young women and men the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Ruch will report to Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC for basic training. She is the daughter of Susan K. Ruch and Michael Ruch of Ruidoso.

Ruidoso Animal Control Joins Petfinder Website

Ruidoso Animal Control has joined Petfinder.com, a nationwide virtual animal shelter website representing more than 50,000 homeless animals in 3,000 shelters and rescue groups.

Ruidoso Animal Control adoptable pets can be viewed a t www.petfinder.com/shelte rs/NM25.html.

To search for a pet, log on to the website and type in search criteria. Each shelter handles its own adoptions. Last year Petfinder.com facilitated nearly half

a million adoptions. The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has partnered with Petfinder.com to provide shelter outreach and educational materials on the site.

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Old Lincoln Town

by Rosalle Dunlap

Another holiday season is over and we all wish for a better year than the last. Each new year brings new challenges to our private, social and public lives. May we all have a wonderful new year.

Christmas Eve morning saw a white winter scene. and cold weather, but it didn't deter all the day's activities,

Christmas Eve day was a busy one with all the usual



LESTER P. BURROW

BOISE CITY -- Lester P. Burrow, 93, died November 30 at the Cimarron Memorial Nursing Home in Boise City. He was born May 6, 1908, at Waynesville, MO. Lester married Effic Marie Christian in 1936.

Lester and his wife. Effic, along with their daughter. Billie Nell, eventually settled in Ruidoso, where they were in the restaurant and motel business until 1963. Then Lester and Effic moved to Alamogordo, where they built and operated Lester's Dineteria until they retired in

They spent a few of their retirement years on a small farm near Tular osa then moved back to Alamogordo. His wife died in 1993 after 57 years of marriage. In September 1999, Lester moved to Liberal, Kansas to be closer to family.

Survivors include a grandson, James A. Little Jr. and a great-grandson, Alexander Little, both of Albuquerque: nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were December 4 at the Cimarron Mortuary in Boise City. Rev. Randy Littlefield, of Lone Star Friends Church, Woods, officiated. Burial was at Marella Cemetery in Griggs.

activities. The Lincoln Pageant group and friends did the luminaries, and Santa Claus made his appearance at the Lincoln Monuments courthouse, The children and parents enjoyed hot cider and other refreshments.

Max Davis, Kern Mattei, and Linda Pirtle had their wagons and horses all decorated with Christmas tree lights,

It was cold but what a wonderful ride among the lighted luminaries.

And what a beautiful sight it was with the lighted wagons and the luminaries on the darkened streets of Lincoln town. Traffic came to a slow pace, with their lights out or on low.

San Juan's was the setting of special music by Steve Havil, on the flute and David Martinez on the guitar. They performed for an hour before church.

Due to the inclement weather and conditions in Ruidoso the organist for the 7:00 service was unable to come. Steve and David filled in the void:

Later in the evening the Catholics had their services. Those who were working and couldn't make the carlier services atlended the 10:00 services. What a wonderful Christmas Eve for everyone.

College students home for the holidays are Cody and Mandy Arrowsmith, Martine Gonzales and Shawna Shrecengost.

Rusty Clowers and Monica Gonzalez were home from the services.

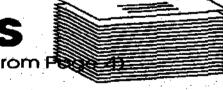
The Stilwells and McArthurs had their grandchildren over part of the holidays.

Tuere were several community get-togethers. It was an opportunity for the newcomers to get acquainted with their new neighbors and the rest of us to visit with those we had not seen for awhile and catch up on news.

Wecome back Fr. Jan

Letters

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EDITOR: A quotation should be within context. Ms. Doris Cherry places a quotation from me in the 27 December issue of the Lincoln County News ("County Splits Vote." page 2) which is outside my complete statement's context.

The Lincoln County Commission struggled for a long time with the issue of redistricting. It provided several opportunities for the public and the various political parties to have input to the redistricting process. The Commission made every effort to act in a non-partisan fashion devising new districts. The new districts were fashioned to meet the strict requirements of the law, with the hope of causing minimal disruption to the existing district structure. It was a fair process. No person was disenfranchised, and nobody received special treatment.

Unfortunately, many of the people and political parties with the most direct interest in the process chose not to fully participate. Attendance at the November workshop with Mr. Adair was very small, and almost nobody attended the special meeting on 13 December. It may seem harsh to ask, but can anyone fairly complain about the process, and the results, if they did not participate to the fullest extent possible?

Therefore, in the June primary and the November election, some people may feel they cannot have their fair vote in matters. In actuality, they had every chance to participate.

> EARL B. HOBBS Alto, New Mexico

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