

# County Schedules Mil Levy Election

by Patrice Brazie

After verifying that a petition submitted last month carried enough valid signatures to call for another mill levy election, county officials set the election day for April 8th. The process will be new to many voters in Lincoln County, as the polling will be done entirely by mail instead of through the traditional opening of polling precinct sites.

According to county clerk

Tammy Maddox, this will be the first all-mail election held in Lincoln County.

During a special meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on January 4th, Maddox reported that a petition was submitted with 2,009 signatures in favor of holding another election to again attempt to approve a mill levy tax. Monies raised through a previous mill levy due to expire on June 30th, were used to support the county-owned Lincoln County

Medical Center (LCMC) and medical clinics in Carrizozo and Corona.

An election held in November to increase the levy from three mills to four-and-a-quarter mills failed to pass voter approval.

Of the 2,009 signatures on the petition, the clerk's office was able to validate 1,627 as legitimate registered voters; more than enough required to call for a second election. Maddox said that the 382 signatures that were rejected

were either names of people not registered to vote or were simply illegible and could not be confirmed.

Maddox told the county commissioners that several other counties in New Mexico have held all-mail elections with successful results. "Most of them had really good turn-outs for their mail-in elections," she said.

The last election cost the taxpayers about \$30,000, according to Maddox, and she estimated that a mail-in

ballot might result in some cost saving. The previous election required having someone man the early voting sites for 14 days. "We

pay precinct officials, plus my staff had to work overtime for two weeks because the early vote sites are open until eight o'clock at night, so

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CARRIZOZO SCHOOL'S Superintendent Sergio Castanon will ask voters to approve a bond issue on January 29th to raise \$1,660,000 for improvements to school buildings. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Candidates Sign Up for Municipal Elections

by Ruth Hammond

Municipal elections will be held in all five municipalities in Lincoln County on March 4. A full slate of candidates will be on the ballots.

Filing declarations of candidacy on Tuesday, Jan. 8 for the various positions in the municipalities were, listed in no particular order:

**Carrizozo**  
Trustee for four year term, two positions open - Celan "Dusty" Voss, Dennis Vega, Raymond Dean, Jeff Hammond, Jamie Gieb  
Trustee position for two year term - Dennis Dunnum  
Municipal judge for four year term - C.O. "Chuck" Rominger, Johnie Johnson, Cynthia Morales Baker.

These candidates were uncertified at press time.

**Capitan**  
Trustees for four year terms, two positions open - James R. Davis, Lilly M. Wood, Gregory Flores, Glynis Racine.

These candidates were uncertified at press time.

**Corona**  
Two councilors for four year terms - Kimberlee

Smith, Sherrill Perkins Bradford.

These candidates were uncertified at press time.

**Ruidoso Downs**  
Mayor for four year term - Tom E. Armstrong, Susan J.

Garrett, Bob A. Miller

Municipal judge for four year term - Harold R. Mansell, Harold Oakes, Barbara G. Green

Two councilor positions for four year terms - Joe P.

Blaney, Thomas E. Chavez, Gary W. Dunlap, Rene G. Olivo, Gary L. Williams

These candidates were certified yesterday.

**Ruidoso**  
Three council positions open for four year terms - Angel Cherie Shaw, Donald A. Williams, Michele P. Rebstock, Bob Storch, Chuck E. Duncan, Wayne E. Fisher.

These candidates were certified yesterday.

Drawing for ballot positions in each municipality will be held at 5:01 p.m. today, Thursday, January 10.

The write in filing date is January 22 from 8 a.m. to 5

### Rominger Runs for Third Term As Judge

The municipal court was recently moved to city hall and the court is using a new computer system and software that will allow payments of penalty assessments to be made on the internet. All past court information has been entered into the new system.

C.O. "Chuck" Rominger is a candidate for his third term as municipal judge in Carrizozo. He was first appointed to the position and served the last two years of a term when the former judge resigned for health reasons.

Rominger is a 33 year resident of Carrizozo.

## C'zozo Fire Department - Seeks New Pumper Truck

by Patrice Brazie

The Carrizozo Volunteer Fire Department continues to grow and improve its service capabilities, and is now working to purchase a new Class A pumper for its second main station.

Speaking to the Carrizozo

Town Council during Tuesday night's regular meeting, fire chief Walter Hill updated the trustees on the department's current status and plans to acquire the new apparatus.

Hill reported that, after additions to the town's second fire station have been completed,

the department has been upgraded by the state as having two main fire stations, which contributed to the department's ISO (Insurance Services Operations) reclassification.

In being given an ISO rating of level six, two steps better than the department's previous rating of eight, the Carrizozo Fire Department will now receive about \$133,000 annually from the state. That reflects an increase of more than \$50,000 in annual funding, according to Hill.

"We're going to shoot for another ISO rating in 2009, and this truck will help us there," he said.

He said the department intends to further lower its ISO rating to a level five, which will not only increase state funding for the department, but should also result in lower homeowners insurance costs for Carrizozo residents. The drop from a level eight to a level six caused an annual savings of about \$200 in his own homeowners insurance, Hill said.

Improvements to the department's second station, which was previously classified by the state to be a substation, included building a new office and an exercise room. The improvements resulted in the station's reclassification as a second main station.

Hill said that he has received an okay from the State Fire Marshall's office to go out for bids for the new pumper.

"The pumper we have now is a 1977 and it's about seen its days," Hill said. "We've got the money and I think it would be wise if we showed

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CARRIZOZO Volunteer Fire Department's Fire Chief Walter Hill continues to work to build up the department. He received the go-ahead from the Carrizozo Town Council on Tuesday to go out for bids for a new Class A pumper truck for the department's second main station. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Carrizozo Schools Ask for Taxpayer Support

by Patrice Brazie

Sergio Castanon, superintendent of the Carrizozo Schools, appeared before the Carrizozo Town Council Tuesday evening to brief community members on plans to float a bond issue to raise \$1,660,000 for improvements to the schools.

School officials developed a five year master plan last year, Castanon said, and recently completed a needs assessment survey to determine the best way to proceed in meeting the plan.

"It was decided that we needed to do some upgrades to the school, and the only way we can do that is through a bond issue," Castanon said.

The superintendent told the Carrizozo Trustees that the schools are in decent shape, but funding is needed to keep them that way. To accomplish all of the upgrades and necessary improvements, the school system would require more than three million dollars, but can only bond \$1,660,000 at this time.

"That will get us halfway there," Castanon said, "and in five to seven years we should be able to catch up."

He said that school officials have attempted to find other funding sources for the

school improvement projects but haven't had much success.

"We must stay ahead of the needs, otherwise we'll have bigger and more expensive repairs down the road," he said.

Castanon reported that the current tax rate from a previous bond is only \$5.80 per \$1,000 of net property value and, under the new bond, would only increase by 74 cents.

"The tax rate is low," he said. "If you have a home worth \$75,000, the increase will only be \$18.50 a year."

The first priority for expenditures is a new heating, ventilation and cooling system, Castanon said. Other projects include improvements to the 30 year old gymnasium and locker rooms and a new student parking lot and bus drop-off on the south side of school grounds.

Some patch repairs were done to the roof on Clegg Hall a few years ago when some minimal state funding was available, but the roof now has leaks all over and computers and other equipment have to be covered to prevent damage from the leaking roof.

"Things happen; things get old, and it's time to get

caught up," Castanon said.

Some old playground equipment needs to be replaced as it is no longer safe, Castanon said, and the schools are in need of technological upgrades. Some work is also required to bring the schools into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Steve Harkey, school board president, said that the schools have received approximately five million dollars in state capital outlay funds over the past 11 years, much of which came at a time when the schools were in pretty bad shape. He said that the fact that the schools were supported by the community through bonding made it possible to get the capital outlay funds.

### January 29th

The bond election is scheduled for January 29th, and all registered voters living within the Carrizozo school district are eligible to vote.

Pamphlets will be sent home with the students to further explain the need for the funding, Castanon said.

The Carrizozo school district covers an area from Oscurto to Ancho and almost from Bingham to Nogal.



# An Open Letter to the Public

by BARBARA CULLER

I hope you will take a few minutes of your time and read this. If you read the local newspaper recently, you became informed about the concerns for the local animal control programs in the Lincoln County area. Carrizozo and Lincoln County officials are in the process of addressing the needs of the animal control kennel in Carrizozo and local animal control ordinances. As Lincoln County continues to grow, both of these concerns need to be resolved. It not only requires our government officials to help provide a solution, it requires all citizens of our county to be a part of

the solution. Our officials can improve our shelter and they can pass laws to help with the problem. However, without the help of you and me the problem can not be resolved. I ask that you write them and let them know that Lincoln County cares about the animals who live here and want them to be safe and taken care of. Let them know that when the decisions have been made the community will step forward to help make the programs a success. Attend meetings whenever you can.

I have been trying to help with the problem of unclaimed animals at the animal control kennel --

both animals picked up by the animal control for various reasons and animals that have been running-at-large, lost, or deliberately abandoned by their owners. There are members of the county who have helped me with their . . . Between us, we have managed to help animals find other permanent homes or saved them from being put to death because their previous owners so often did not give them even the minimum care.

Some of the problems that are seen when the animals come to the animal control kennel could be so easily fixed by their owners. I want to list two of the easiest

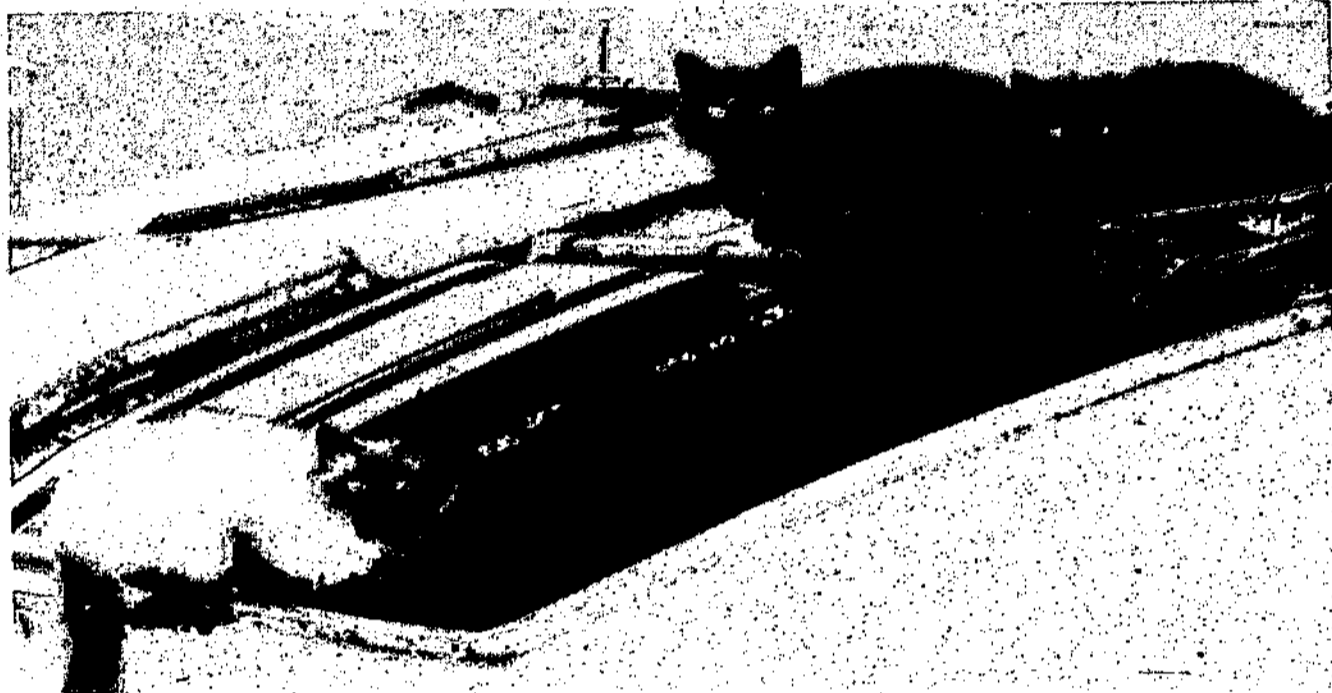
problems to fix and hope that if you haven't fixed these for your family pet you will do so now, and become a part of the solution and not a part of the problem.

1.) Most of the animals have not been spayed or neutered. People ask me, "Why I should do that if my animals always stay in my yard or home?" No one can guarantee that their pet will never get out of the yard or home. Plus, it has been found that spaying or neutering your pet protects it from some of the health problems your pet faces as it gets older.

However, a very important reason to spay or neuter your animal is the overpopulation of dogs and cats in our country, our county, or towns! A female dog or cat in heat will bring to your home any unaltered dog or cat in your area. Very possibly leaving you with an unwanted litter of puppies or kittens. Also, if your male dog is not neutered and he smells a female in season, if there is any way he can get out he will not only be risking his safety but very possibly becoming the father of an unwanted litter of puppies or kittens.

They are then given to people, who often decide that they didn't want the animal after all. Then what? Several things can happen: They get put out in a fenced or unfenced backyard never to be a part of the family. For a dog which is a pack animal, being by itself with no person or other

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ILLUSTRATING A COMMENT made recently by Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill regarding a need for pet owners to assume more responsibility for their animals, a small band of domestic cats has apparently claimed the Lincoln County Courthouse grounds, including this roadside dumpster, as its own territory. These beautiful animals are almost present at the county complex and in the streets nearby. (Photo by Patrice Brazier)



As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 103rd year of being in existence (1905-2007), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following article appeared in the "Lincoln County News".

Thursday, March 8, 1973

## Carrizozo Comprehensive Planning Report

### Goals and Objectives

**ESTABLISHMENT OF GOALS**  
The establishment of these goals and objectives has generally been from three major sources:

1. District Goals—The Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District has developed some overall goals and objectives for the entire five county area under its jurisdiction.

2. Interviews—During the course of this survey numerous residents of Carrizozo were interviewed to find out exactly what needed to be done and what problems existed in the community.

3. Observation—The Consultant has viewed every property and structure in Carrizozo and the surrounding area. In the process of this land use study, problems relating to traffic, land use, community appearance, and other such matters were noted whenever they appeared to be in need of some adjustment.

Carrizozo is particularly well equipped with regard to attractive recreational facilities, public utilities, a fine airport, and access by arterial highways. Although not an old community, many of the older buildings were constructed in the early part of this century, and the wood frame dwellings and some adobe buildings are beginning to show signs of advanced age. These goals and objectives have therefore been established for the purpose of correcting known problems reflected by interview and observation.

### EMPLOYMENT

**Overall Goal:** Provide all residents of the Carrizozo Planning Area with an opportunity for full employment, educational achievement, vocational training where necessary, good health, and an equal employment opportunity.

**Objective No. 1—**To create more jobs within the community so that residents would not have to travel to various government jobs as far away as Holloman Air Force Base in order to be gainfully employed.

**Objective No. 2—**To reduce unemployment within the Planning Area, particularly for those persons who are unemployed or underemployed.

**Objective No. 3—**To increase the employability of young adults between the ages of 16 and 35 so that they can assume positions in the community and replace older and perhaps more experienced persons who are retiring from the numerous retail and service establishments now existing in Carrizozo.

**Objective No. 4—**To investigate the possibility of establishing and promoting arts and crafts in Carrizozo so that locally made products can be sold to the many tourists passing through the community and can perhaps create some employment and income for local residents.

### LAND USE, POPULATION AND ENVIRONMENT

**Overall Goal:**—To improve the appearance of Carrizozo by educating its residents, adopting necessary standards and codes, followed by necessary enforcement of needed or existing ordinances. Those aspects of community appearance which are most in need of correction are as follows:

a. Removal of abandoned and dilapidated structures.

b. Removal of inoperative motor vehicles, particularly from residential properties and vacant lots throughout the community.

c. Landscaping of the community particularly using evergreen trees and shrubs so as to remove the bleak appearance during the

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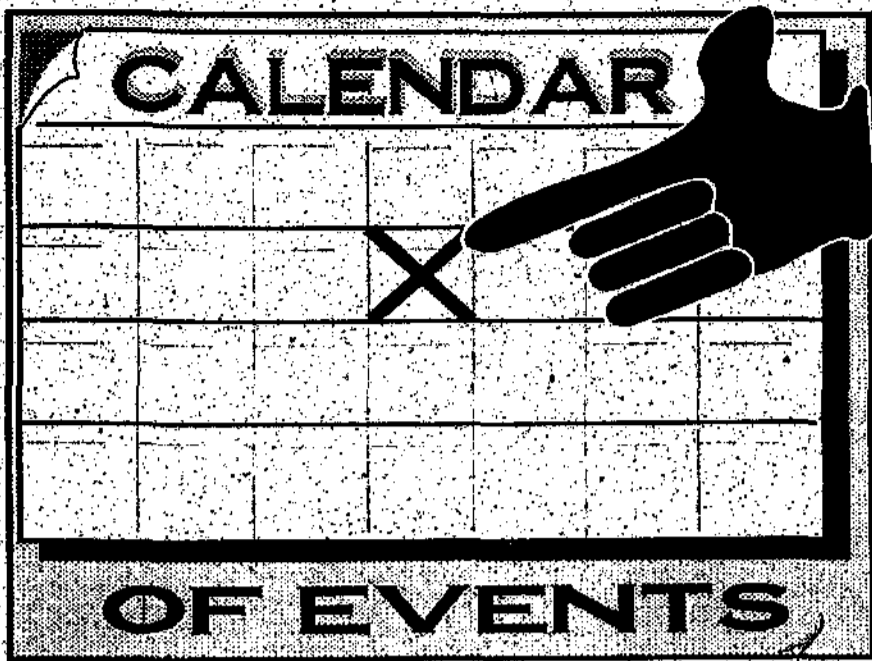
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**MONDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS**

-Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School Library.

**WEDNESDAYS**

-Corona Lending Library story hour 4 p.m.  
 -AWANA for children age 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Carrizozo. Non-denominational, activities. Call 648-2107 for information.

**FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAYS**

-Representative from State Engineer's Office at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH**

-American Legion Post #11, serving the Carrizozo area meets at 9:00 a.m. at Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo.

**TUESDAYS**

-Capitan Public Library preschool reading hour at 1 p.m.  
 -Alcohol Anonymous 6:30 p.m. Carrizozo First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

**TODAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 10**

-Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) subcommittee for RS-2477 Roads Inventory meets at 1:00 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
 -Capitan School Board 6:30 p.m.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 14**

-Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation District special board meeting at 8:00 a.m. at Bonito Volunteer Fire Department's Sun Valley Station #5 on Fire Road. Tentative agenda includes review and certify results of January 9 board election, election of officers and update on operations and finances.  
 -Capitan Chamber of Commerce 8:30 a.m. at visitor center on Smokey Bear Blvd.  
 -Lincoln National Forest Travel Management workshop at Ruidoso Convention Center 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
 -Republican Party of Lincoln County second Monday membership meeting Free Meadows Country Club in Ruidoso. Dinner at 6, meeting at 7. RSVP for dinner to 575-973-0541.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 15**

-Kitchen Creations, a cooking school for diabetics and their families or caregivers start. Free classes once a week for four weeks, must register, 505-638-2311 Space limited.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17**

-Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission regular meeting at 8:30 a.m. at Alto Lakes Golf and Country Club.  
 -Lincoln Historic Preservation Board meets at 7 p.m. at the Community Church in Lincoln.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 19**

-Special mill levy session of Lincoln County Medical Center board, exhibits 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. public forum 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Pine Springs Inn, 1420 W Hwy 70 in Ruidoso Downs.

-Area code 505 is now 575 for Lincoln County, Otero County, Chaves County and southern areas.

**Bookmobile Schedule**

<b>Tuesday, January 15</b>	
Corona Post Office	12:30 - 2:00
Carrizozo/Otero Electric	3:30 - 6:00
<b>Wednesday, January 16</b>	
Carrizozo/Otero Electric	7:30 - 8:30
Nogal Post Office	9:00 - 9:45
Capitan Smokey Bear Cafe	10:15 - 11:30
Fort Stanton RTC	12:30 - 2:00
Camp Sierra Blanca	2:10 - 3:10
Lincoln Post Office	3:30 - 4:00
Hondo Store	5:00 - 5:30

# County Mil Levy Election

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I had to have report staff here at my office," Maddox explained.

Ballots will be mailed out 35 days before the election date of April 8th, and must be returned to the county clerk's office before 7:00 p.m. on election day, April 8th.

Maddox encouraged anyone who may have had a change in their physical or mailing address to update their voter registration information as soon as possible to ensure that they receive their ballot with plenty of time to vote. Completed ballots can be returned by mail or hand

delivered to the clerk's office by the voter or a family member or care provider, Maddox said. "We cannot accept them from anyone else," she said.

The ballot will be easily identifiable when it arrives in the mail, with wording on the outside of the envelope that identifies it as official election material, Maddox said. A return envelope will be attached, but voters will be required to pay for the postage to send the ballot back to the county. Maddox compared the cost of postage to the cost of gasoline used to drive to a precinct site, and suggested that paying for a stamp would be less expensive than voting at the polling sites as required in traditional elections.

County commission chair Tom Battin said that the decision to use the mail-in process was based on hopes that it would increase voter participation, but others expressed concerns over the slow nature of mail service in Lincoln County.

LCMC administrator Jim Gibson said that he had real concerns about the 35-day time frame. "The mail in Lincoln County differs," he said. "Sometimes you can get it in one day, and sometimes it takes 10 days to get something," he added. Gibson said he worried about those who might wait for 10 days to receive a ballot, then discover that their voter registration was not up to date. "You have to take an action to get an address correction. If you don't drive to the county clerk's office, it's going to be another five to 10 days before you get it. You have to fill it out and return it. It's got to be certified that it's appropriate, and then they mail the ballot to you again that's got to be filled out, and then you mail it back again," Gibson said. "That's a real tight time frame, I think, for somebody who doesn't have the right address for voter registration."

Gibson said that the LCMC board of directors plans to send a postcard to all of the county's registered voters to invite them to attend a meeting to discuss the issues and concerns regarding the mill levy, and to see how many of the postcards are returned as undeliverable. He suggested that the postcards which cannot be delivered will give the LCMC officials some insight as to how many voters need to update their registration information and who they are. "We can then mount some kind of an effort to identify those people and get to them and say you have a bad address with voter registration, and here's how you

can go about correcting that," Gibson said.

County commission Vice-chair Eileen Lovelace suggested that pre-sorting the ballots by zip code and mailing them at the destination post offices could ensure delivery within one or two days.

Maddox explained that there are specific laws governing the handling of ballots, and said she would look into whether or not Lovelace's suggestion was viable.

County commissioner Dave Parks suggested that Lincoln County Sheriff's deputies might be recruited to deliver the ballots to the various post offices, if that were deemed a legal procedure for handling the ballots.

Maddox said she was unsure on how much leniency the law allowed, but that she would find out.

Battin recommended setting up third party registrars in senior centers and similar locations to assist voters in updating their registration information prior to the mailing of ballots.

Gibson reported some concern on behalf of the LCMC board regarding the need for voters to pay the return postage on the ballots.

Maddox told him that the hospital could pay the return postage if the board so desired, but Gibson said that doing so might present the appearance of the hospital board attempting to buy an election. He suggested using mill levy funds to pay for the return postage.

Maddox said that there are approximately 12,500 registered voters in Lincoln County.

San Patricio resident Kon Nosker reported that the U.S. Postal Service has, in the past three years, moved its mail distribution center from Carrizozo to Tularosa, then to Alamogordo, then to Las Cruces and two months ago to El Paso, Texas. He said that the move to El Paso has added another two days to the time it takes to move mail from one location in the county to another. He agreed that mailing the election ballots from several post offices

throughout the county would greatly speed up the process.

"That could save you from five to 10 days," Nosker said.

County commissioner Jackie Powell also stated that it should be made very clear that all ballots must be returned to the county office by April 8th, no matter what date they are postmarked.

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to establish the mill levy election set for April 8th, 2008. Voters will be asked to approve the levy at the same rate as the previous taxation, three mills per one thousand dollars of property value, to provide funding for the hospital and the health care clinics in Carrizozo, Corona and Hondo for seven years.



**LETA BESS SHARP**

Leta Bess Sharp, 90, of Corona, died January 3 in Albuquerque. Leta was born August 5, 1917 in Cruse, OK. She married Robert Laban Sharp on January 30, 1935 in Estancia. He preceded her in death in 1975. She was also preceded in death by her parents, three grandchildren, James Sharp, Beth Ann Sharp, Jean Ann Tubbs and three brothers, Pete Heisch, Paul Heisch and Kenneth Heisch.

Leta is survived by seven children, Larry Sharp and wife Barbara of Prewitt, NM; Bill Sharp and wife Martha of Fort Sumner; Leslie Sharp and wife Bonnie of Arcadia, OK; Sue Hughes and husband Charles of Corona; Pasty Tubbs and husband Wayne of Clearston, TX; Janie Cartwright and husband Paul of Moriarty; Jerry Sharp of Corona; 15 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; four and a half great grandchildren; brothers, Henry Heisch; J.R. Heisch and sisters, Doris Smith; Joyce Shockley; Loyce Bachman and Judy Williams.

Leta was the oldest of 10 children, a member of the Pythian sisters, the Presbyterian Church of Corona, Corona CowBelles and she also taught Sunday school and was an Elder of the Church.

Funeral services were held January 7 at the Presbyterian Church of Corona with Pastor Terry Aiello officiating. Interment followed at the Corona Cemetery. Pallbearers were grandsons, Lance Sharp, David Sharp, Eric Sharp, Perry Sharp, Mike Hughes, Laban Tubbs, Brad Cartwright and Mark Cartwright. Honorary Pallbearers were granddaughters, Linda Spencer, Jeanell Sharp, Marsha Deese, Shawna Stults, Melissa Eisenhauer, Lisa Encinas and Tonya Newton. Arrangements entrusted to Harris-Hanlon Mortuary.



**LILLIAN L. SWIFT**

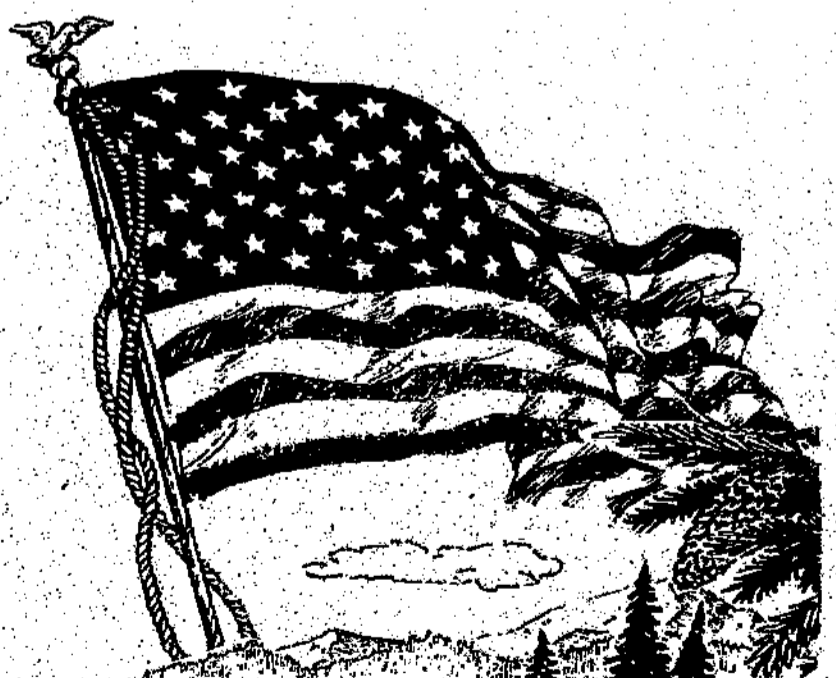
Memorial service for Lillian L. Swift, 83, of Carrizozo will be Saturday, Jan. 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church in Carrizozo. A meal will be served at noon in the fellowship hall.

Ms. Swift died Friday, Jan. 4, in the Mesalero Care Center. She was born April 28, 1924 in Pear Valley, Texas.

She worked at State Bank and then United New Mexico Bank for 28 years and retired in 1992. She had lived most of her life in Lincoln County.

She is survived by two sons, David Swift and Willie Swift of Carrizozo; two sisters, Alta Smith of El Paso and Billie Blackwell of Aztec, NM; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.lagroneruidoso.com](http://www.lagroneruidoso.com).



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# Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### National Media Skews Numbers

By Ruth Hammond

Were you one of those surprised when the totals of the New Hampshire primary were announced Tuesday night? It appears that national TV reporters were shocked. What we were hearing was that it was an upset. How could it be an upset if it was the first primary in the nation? Actually the Iowa thingy was a caucus, not really official but really not unofficial. Anyway, with the first primary being in New Hampshire, those totals were the first to be reported.

It seems that there is more happening here than just having major TV networks report results. According to a few of the reporters, they were surprised that results were asked from what they assumed they would be. Does this mean that the TV networks were in a position to have to come up with a different format than they had planned? If the results had been as the TV networks predicted they could probably have chilled audiences with canned shows of candidates doing weird things such as talking to ducks.

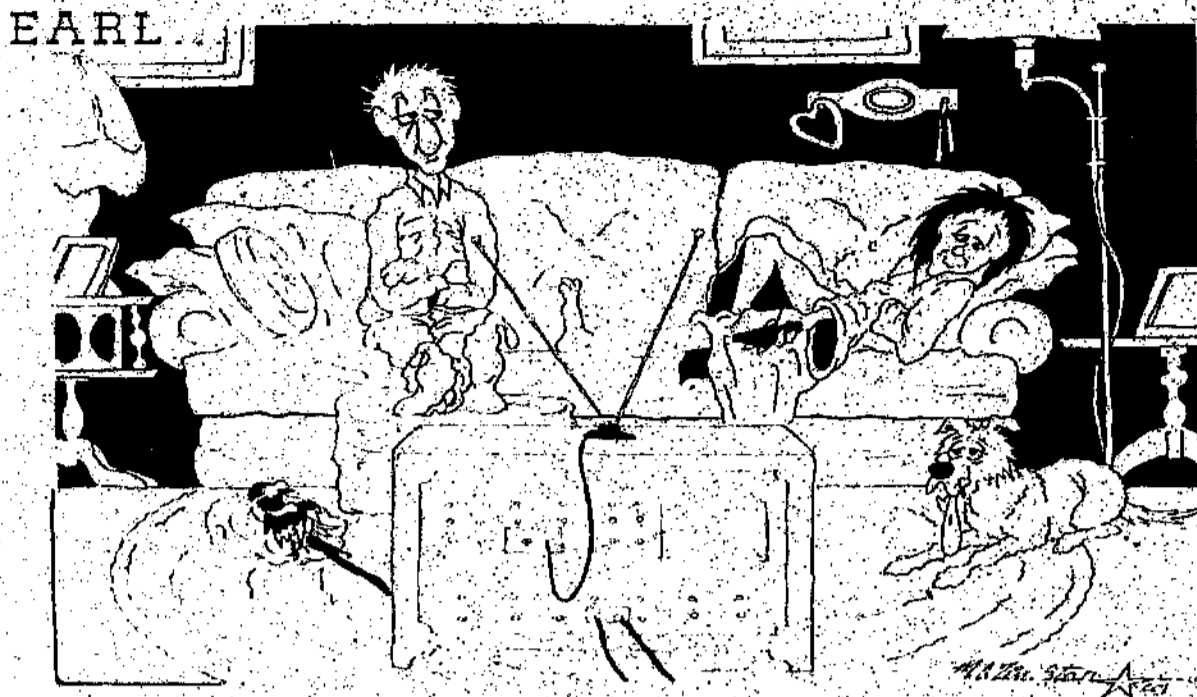
Next would have been the laugh tracks of members of candidates families showing their pleasure. Yes, it does seem to be not unlike the game shows of a few decades ago where the winners were told answers in advance. The networks knew who would win and were prepared with their supposedly impromptu speeches. Tuesday night and Wednesday morning gave an insight into what would have happened if the non informed contestant on a game show had won and caused havoc with the answer givers.

Naturally it would have been better if networks had allowed people to vote and not try to be the first network to predict a winner. Polls, whether entrance or exit polls, might give an indication, but voting is supposed to be a personal and private thing people do and maybe networks should realize that some people give different answers to cause the networks to not know the answers in advance.

Expert advice is to not predict on the basis of just a few opinions. Trying to be the first to report something is ridiculous. Yes, they can tout it for a while but many people get tired of hearing networks brag on themselves. It would have been much more refreshing to hear results without having to hear the idiotic statements being made about how it was an upset and should not have happened.

Ruthless media often get caught up in what they think or hope is happening, not what is fact. Here at the grass roots level we try to keep things in perspective and report what has happened. Thoughts should be on page four just as this column is and should be treated as that, not fact.

Skewing numbers deprives the public of making up their own minds, and that is what the election process is supposed to be, voters making the choice. Hopefully there won't be any incorrect predictions in municipal elections that will be held in March and voters will make choices, as they should. We don't skew the election numbers here.



EARL SAYS HE IS MARRIED TO ROYALTY "THE QUEEN OF THE REMOTE CONTROL" *Big Dry Syndicate*

## Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

**SANTA FE** -- While traveling across the pond to trace Columbus' route back to the New World, I had time to contemplate many deep questions. Not only have I never heard answers to these questions, I've never heard the questions asked. Maybe there is good reason such queries haven't been made. Maybe I'm not smart enough or discreet enough not to ask. But here goes.

How come California fires burn all the way to our border with Mexico but seem to stop there? In past years I figured it was insensitive U.S. reporters who didn't care about our neighbors to the south.

But this year, I was in Europe watching television reports from all over the world. The California fires were reported, but never a mention of the tragedy extending into Mexico.

The only conclusion I can draw is that the fence protecting our southern border against immigrants is also fireproof. So shouldn't Mexico be helping us build that fence?

While we're on the subject of immigrants, aren't they the answer to keeping Social Security afloat? Baby boomers fret that when they all retire, there won't be enough workers to support them. Also, if an illegal immigrant uses a fake Social Security number, doesn't he pay into the system but never receive benefits?

We need some new high wage earners paying into the Social Security system too. That means we need to ease

immigration restrictions on skilled workers from all countries who want to come to the United States. And giving the children of immigrants would seem like a good idea too.

Hasn't anyone figured out that wildfires are wildfires because we don't know where they will go? Every time one occurs the news media seems mystified that flames can completely consume one property while leaving its neighbors untouched. Is it possible that those blasted prairie dogs may be a savior for New Mexico taxpayers? It is hard to imagine how the RailRunner commuter train can be worth the \$400 million or so that the state is going to pay for it.

Taxpayers from throughout the state already have shelled out plenty for people in Albuquerque's northern and southern suburbs to get to work. But we may be spared the cost of extending it to Santa Fe because lovers of the cute little rodents vow to keep their furry friends from being displaced. Go, dogs.

Every time the weather in Florida causes a problem for the space shuttle, I wonder if NASA is aware that the weather in southern New Mexico would not have caused that problem.

Why is Bill Clinton raising money for Emily's list? The group, which supports female political candidates, usually doesn't use men to promote it. And Bill should have his hands full helping Hillary.

A Halloween survey found that 34 percent of Americans

believe in ghosts and the same number believe in UFOs. The survey also noted that 31 percent of Americans believe President George Bush is doing a good job with Iraq.

But why didn't they tell us whether those are the same people?

Speaking of Iraq, why do public officials and reporters pronounce it e-ROCK and the military pronounces it I-RAK?

A RAK news release announced recently that the military is experiencing the highest suicide rate in 26 years. What happened in 1981 to make the rate even higher that year?

The last two times President Bush came to Albuquerque a motorcycle policeman lost his life escorting the motorcade. Has anyone investigated the cause of those tragedies and recommended how they might be avoided in the next time the president visits?

Recent figures show that Texas barely edged New Mexico for the title of biggest pecan producer in 2006. It was noted that when the pecans are shelled, New Mexico is the biggest producer because our pecans have more meat.

Could someone please do a study of whether the basic personalities of Texans and New Mexicans bear the same relationship?



## Letters to the Editor

### The Spirit of Christmas Filled the Nest

**EDITOR** -- The spirit of Christmas was alive and well in Lincoln County as it filled every quiet corridor of the Nest, our domestic violence shelter in Ruidoso Downs.

The normal generosity of a holiday season was magnified as local folks stopped by the Nest to drop off amazing trays of baked goodies, huge bags of traditional Christmas meals, tins of popcorn, toys for the children, stockings filled to the brim "from Santa" and lovely, practical gifts for the mothers. Countless people showed up on our doorsteps with gift cards so our Moms could buy their kids something special this year.

Christmas morning was magical at the Nest as the children eagerly awoke early to climb down the stairs and race toward the Christmas tree. This was a Christmas unlike any other for many of them.

The spirit of Christmas did indeed fill our Nest. Our gratitude goes out to each and everyone of you "angels" who made this holiday season memorable.

I only wish you could have seen the children.  
**Coleen Widell**  
 Executive Director  
 Help End Abuse for Life  
 Ruidoso Downs, NM

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**THE TASK AHEAD OF YOU,  
 IS NEVER AS GREAT  
 AS THE POWER BEHIND  
 YOU.**

**BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER.  
 EPHESIANS 6:10**

## Weather Report

by Jeff Hammond

Don't expect spectacular weather coming into Lincoln County for the upcoming week.

There will be mostly sunny days with temperatures in the mid 40s to low 50s, and partly cloudy nights with temperatures in the high teens and low 20s. Expect continued winds out of the west southwest where the wind chill factor will make for colder temperatures in the high desert regions than at the higher elevations.

There is a very slight chance for scattered showers at the higher elevations of Lincoln County on Saturday before noon.

Ski Apache is open and doing business once again. Current snow conditions are: powder, packed powder, with a 30 inch base of snow at all elevations, and two to three inches on fresh fallen snow in the past 24 hours. 24 of 55 trails are currently open and 6 of 11 lifts are operating.

Forecast for Carrizozo, Hondo and high desert of Lincoln County:

Today, Thursday, Jan. 10  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, west wind around 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25, west wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, January 11  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 53, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Saturday, January 12  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 47, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19.

Sunday, January 13  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 46, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Monday, January 14  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 46, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19.

Tuesday, January 15  
 Sunny, with a high near 47, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitan and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, Jan. 10  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 48, west wind around 15 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23, west wind around 15 mph.

Friday, January 11  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 49, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Saturday, January 12  
 A slight chance of showers before noon, partly cloudy, with a high near 42, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18.

Sunday, January 13  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 42, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 17.

Monday, January 14  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 43, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19.

Tuesday, January 15  
 Mostly sunny, with a high near 43, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 19.

The above information was  
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# SHERIFF'S REPORT

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's office, located in the Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

December 28  
 10:46 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on 17th Street in Carrizozo resulting in agency assistance request, police and deputy dispatched.  
 2:26 p.m. Assault reported at location on Salt Creek Trail in Bonito, deputy dispatched.  
 3:57 p.m. Fire reported at location on Eagle Ridge in Alto, Bonito fire units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.  
 4:55 p.m. Medical call at

Bar W Ranch on Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 5:23 p.m. Accident reported at location on Lakeshore in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 29  
 10:53 a.m. Information report at location on Spruce in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 11:15 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.  
 12:13 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at location on Linda Vista in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 12:36 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Tenth Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
 2:44 p.m. Trespassing re-

ported at residence on 17th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
 4:33 p.m. Fire reported at location on High Mesa in Alto, Bonito emergency and fire units dispatched.

December 30  
 7:52 a.m. Medical call at mile marker 9 on Hwy 48 in Alto, ALS Ambulance and deputy dispatched.  
 9:58 a.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Lodge Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.  
 10:44 a.m. Shots fired reported near Highlands in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.  
 2:02 p.m. Burglary reported at residence on Short Street in Capitan, police dispatched.  
 7:36 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 7:37 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 282 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo fire units dispatched.  
 11:13 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 117 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo,

ambulance, police and deputy dispatched.  
 11:31 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on Brentwood in Alto, deputy dispatched.

December 31  
 1:09 a.m. Traffic hazard reported near mile marker 109 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 8:00 a.m. Runaway juvenile reported from location in Capitan, police dispatched.  
 9:15 a.m. Police peacekeeping presence requested at residence on Brentwood in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 10:07 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.  
 12:22 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.  
 1:22 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at Ski Apache, deputy dispatched.  
 1:29 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Little Creek North of Chisolm in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 4:04 p.m. Shots fired reported near La Mancha in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.  
 5:41 p.m. Fire reported at mile markers 280 and 282 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe fire units and deputy dispatched.

7:54 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Crown Ridge Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 9:32 p.m. Discharge of illegal fireworks reported on Hwy 48 near top of Angus Hill, deputy dispatched.  
 10:32 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Eighth Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

January 1  
 1:48 a.m. Fire reported near intersection of Fifth and Stanton in Capitan, Capitan fire units, ALS ambulance, police and deputy dispatched.  
 9:09 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 285 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo fire units dispatched.  
 11:26 a.m. Suspicious activity by person reported near mile marker 103 on Hwy 380 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.  
 12:18 p.m. Medical call at location on Calle La Placita (Hwy 380) in Lincoln, ambulance dispatched.  
 1:56 p.m. Medical call at



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winter months.  
 d. Rehabilitation of deteriorating homes before lack of repair allows them to fall into a dilapidated category.  
 e. Maintain an adequate solid waste or refuse pickup service which will provide for easy elimination of rubbish from private properties.  
 Objective No. 2--To develop population projections and economic policies in order to establish a sound basis for planning for future land use in Carrizozo.  
 Objective No. 3--To recognize the limitations of soil and water in Carrizozo, and to recommend land use which will not overburden these natural resources.  
 Objective No. 4--To design and implement detailed land use plans which will be compatible with the other goals for community development.  
 Objective No. 5--Adopt and enforce a meaningful ordinance and zoning district map.  
 Objective No. 6--To explain and point out the reason why there has been a decrease in the number of births and children enrolled in the lower grades of school during the past decade.  
 Objective No. 7--To provide for design standards and a complete land subdivision regulation which will assure proper continuity of streets and appropriate lot sizes for the Town and the land lying within the three-mile area of planning and platting jurisdiction.

**NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

Overall Goal: To make maximum utilization of the natural and human resources within the Planning Area for the most appropriate and economically beneficial enjoyment and health of its residents.

Objective No. 1--To utilize in the most effective and beneficial manner the water resources available to Carrizozo in order to provide for long range needs of community growth and economic development.  
 Objective No. 2--To utilize the local natural resources particularly lumber, coal, soil, scoria, and iron ore, to provide maximum employment and products which can be shipped elsewhere following maximum fabrication and utilization of local human skills in the creation of finished products wherever possible.

Objective No. 3--To protect the environment against imprudent use or waste of soils, ground water, and clean air by employing sound ecological principles.  
 Objective No. 4--To pass regulations which will prevent irreversible changes in the environment such as strip mining, dirty industry or industrial waste accumulations.

Objective No. 5--To work with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service to conserve the topsoil, plant proper vegetation, prevent loss of topsoil through erosion and to allow for proper drainage of surface runoff from all parts of the Planning Area.

Objective No. 6--To cooperate with other communities and counties lying within the Tularosa Basin in development of new water resources or preservation of the existing reserves available in the Tularosa Basin including future utilization of saline waters lying southwest of the Town.

Objectives No. 7--Investigate the use of lumber and wood products from the nearby Lincoln National Forest or the Mescalero Apache Reservation as a basis for establishment of new industry which could create employment and also diversify the economic base of Carrizozo.

**HOUSING**

Overall Goal: To provide every individual or family within the Town with decent, safe and sanitary housing within the economic ability of the various income groups to pay for such housing.

Objective No. 1--To organize and appoint members for housing authority in Carrizozo or to join with other communities in the County and be represented through membership on a county housing authority or both of these.

Objective no. 2--To provide for cooperation and municipal support for the housing authority once reestablished in identifying problems, requesting federal or state aid to improve housing and to provide private residents or building contractors with necessary information which would result in construction of new single family homes, apartments, mobile home parks, or condominiums within the Planning Area.

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## Church Directory



**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY**  
 Miguel Presbyterian Church:  
 E.W. "Be" LEWIS, Pastor  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.

**Ancho Community Presbyterian Church:**  
 Worship ..... 9:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.

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

**First Baptist Church**  
 HAYDEN SMITH, Pastor  
 314 11th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
 849-2968 (Church) or 849-2107  
 Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:55 a.m.  
 Sun. Evening ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday, Sept. - April  
 AWANAS ..... 8:00 p.m.

**Carrizozo Assembly of God**  
 Corner 13 & C Ave.  
 Barbara Bradley, Pastor  
 Corner of C Ave. and Thirteenth  
 Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Tuesday Bible Study ..... 8:30 p.m.

**Santa Rita Catholic Community**  
 FR. FRANKLIN, Pastor  
 213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 849-2853  
 DAILY MASS / Santa Rita ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 SATURDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 5:00 p.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 SUNDAY:  
 Capitan Sacred Heart ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Carrizozo Santa Rita ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Coronado St. Theresa ..... 1:30 p.m.

**Angus Church of the Nazarene**  
 "Serving All of Lincoln County"  
 RICK HUTCHINSON, Pastor / 336-8032  
 Southwest Corner of Hwy 48 & 37 Junction  
 Between Ruidoso and Capitan, NM  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship and Children's Church ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Family Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday:  
 Community dinner ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kids Klub ..... 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**  
 TOM FONDEKTER, 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.

**White Oaks Community Church**  
 Non-denominational  
 Sunday Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**  
 REV. JOHN HUFFMAN, RECTOR  
 1000 D. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
 Ph. 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 / 648-2848  
 Carrizozo, NM 88304  
 Sunday School (All Ages) ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 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.  
 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 ..... 8:30 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 / 338-4627  
 Sunday Bible Study ..... 10:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday Bible Study ..... 8:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**  
 MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530  
 Phone 354-2044  
 Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
 Sunday School ..... 8:30 a.m.  
 Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.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  
 Sunday:  
 Sunday School for all ages ..... 9:30 a.m.  
 Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.  
 Children's Church ..... 10:45 a.m.  
 Evening Worship ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Wednesday:  
 Teen dinner and games ..... 8:00 p.m.  
 Teen Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.  
 Prayer Meeting ..... 8:00 p.m.

**Brack Fellowship Church**  
 TERRY AJELLO, Pastor / 849-0105  
 Ancho  
 Worship ..... 2:00 p.m.  
 Sabbath School ..... 3:15 p.m.

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### Lopez, Vallejos to NFC Playoff Game

With the regular NFL season over, Cory Lopez and Chris Vallejos of Carrizozo will be attending the divisional playoff game in Dallas on Sunday, January 13, when the Dallas Cowboys will play the New York Giants. Both will be guests of Cory's uncle, Tito Lopez, who owns season passes for the Cowboys. If Dallas beats the Giants, the young men also have tickets for the NFC Championship game on Sunday, January 20, with the winner advancing to Super Bowl XLII. Excitement is running high for both Cory and Chris.  
 Cory also scored tickets this Christmas for the wrestling pay-per-view matches, "No Way Out", being televised from Las Vegas on UNLV Thomas & Mack Center on Sunday, February 17. Tony Medrano formerly of Carrizozo will be Cory's guest for the event.

**Jerry & Lanita Rasak**  
**LaGrone Funeral Chapel**

**In Memory of BILL WINKLER**  
**Insurance Exchange Carrizozo Branch**

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**LEGALS**

**COUNTY ASSESSOR  
ORDER NO. 07-22  
NOTICE OF REQUIREMENTS  
TO REPORT CERTAIN MATTERS RELATING TO  
PROPERTY VALUATION AND CLAIMING EXEMPTION  
FROM PROPERTY TAXATION**

The County Assessor hereby publishes notice to property owners, pursuant to Section 7-38-18, NMSA 1978, as follows:

1. All property subject to valuation for property taxation purposes not valued by the Assessor in 2007 for property taxation purposes must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008, unless it is not subject to valuation for property taxation purposes in 2008. The report must contain the required information and be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-8, NMSA 1978.
2. If you have made improvements to real property during 2007 and the improvements cost more than Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000), the improvements must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008. The information required and the form may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-8 (C), NMSA 1978.
3. All real property owned by any nongovernmental entity and claimed to be exempt from property taxation under the provisions of Paragraph (1) of Subsection B of Section 7-36-7 NMSA 1978 shall be reported for valuation purposes to the appropriate valuation authority. If a change in eligibility status or ownership of the property has changed, the change shall be reported no later than the last day of February 2008. Section 7-38-8.1 NMSA 1978.
4. If you own property that has decreased in value during 2007, and that property is subject to valuation for property taxation purposes, you must report the decrease in value to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008. The report must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-13, NMSA 1978.
5. If you believe that your real property is entitled to head-of-family exemption, veteran exemption or disabled veteran exemption from property taxation, you must apply to the Assessor for exempt status no later than thirty (30) days after the mailing of the County Assessor's notices of valuation in order to be entitled to the exemption from taxation in 2008. Exceptions: If an exemption from taxation was in effect for 2007 and the basis of the exempt status or use is unchanged from that year, application for exemption need not be made for 2008. If you have previously been granted an exemption and now have a change in ownership or status you must notify the Assessor of the change no later than the last day of February 2008 of the change. If required, application for exemption must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17, NMSA 1978.
6. Property subject to valuation is presumed to be nonresidential and will be so recorded by the assessor unless you declare the property to be residential no later than the last day of February 2008. If your property has changed in use from residential to nonresidential or from nonresidential to residential use you must declare this status to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008. The declaration must contain the required information and must be in a form that may be obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-38-17.1 NMSA 1978.
7. If you are a person who is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or disabled, and whose "modified gross income" was not greater than \$21,600 in 2007 and you own and occupy a single-family dwelling you may be eligible for a limitation on the taxable value of your residence. If you think you are eligible, you must apply to the Assessor no later than thirty (30) days after the Assessor mails the notice of value for your residence. The application must contain the required information and must be on a form that is obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-21.3 NMSA 1978.
8. If your land was valued in 2007 in accordance with the special method of valuation for land used primarily for agricultural purposes, and the land is still used primarily for agricultural purposes, you need not reapply for that special method of valuation in 2008. If your land was valued in accordance with the special method of valuation in 2007, but it is no longer used primarily for agricultural purposes, you must report the change to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008. If your land was not valued in accordance with that method of valuation in 2007, and it is now used primarily for agricultural purposes, you must make application on a form which has been approved from the Assessor no later than the last day February 2008. Section 7-36-20 NMSA 1978.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

NOTICE is hereby given that on November 27, 2007, Rita M. Kubas, P.O. Box 2236, Ruidoso Downs, 88346, filed application No. 0696 with the STATE ENGINEER for permit to change point of diversion of surface waters in the Hondo Water Basin in the State of New Mexico.

The applicant proposes to discontinue the diversion of 25.28 acre-feet per annum of surface water from a river pump, which diverts from the Rio Ruidoso in the NE¼NW¼SE¼, Section 5, Township 11 South, Range 15 East, N.M.P.M.

The applicant proposes to commence the diversion of 25.28 acre-feet per annum of surface waters from the Rio Ruidoso, from a river pump located in the :

SURFACE:	SUBDIVISION	SECTION	TOWNSHIP	RANGE
River Pump	SE¼SW¼NE¼	5	11 S.	15 E.

for the continued irrigation of 7.90 acres.

The move-from point of diversion and proposed move to point of diversion are located approximately 5 miles west of Glencoe, New Mexico. All are in Lincoln, County, New Mexico.

Any person or other entity shall have standing to file an objection or protest if they object that the granting of the application will:

- (1) Be detrimental to the objector's water right; or
- (2) Be contrary to the conservation of water within the state or detrimental to the public welfare of the state, provided that the objector shows how they will be substantially and specifically affected by the granting of the application.

A valid objection or protest shall set forth the grounds for asserting standing and shall be legible, signed, and include the complete mailing address of the objector. An objection or protest must be filed with the State Engineer not later than 10 calendar days after the date of the last publication of this notice. An objection or protest may be mailed to the Office of the State Engineer, 1900 West Second, Roswell, New Mexico 88201, or faxed to 505-623-8559 provided the original is hand-delivered or postmarked within 24 hours after transmission of the fax. The State Engineer will take the application up for consideration in the most appropriate and timely manner practical.

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9. If you own "livestock" that is subject to valuation for property taxation purposes, you must report such livestock to the Assessor. All such livestock present in the county on January 1, 2008 must be reported to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008. If the livestock is transported into the county after January 1, 2008, it must be reported to the Assessor no later than the first day of the month following the first month in which the livestock has been present in the county for twenty (20) days. The report must contain the required information and must be on forms obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-21 NMSA 1978.
10. If you own a manufactured home [that was not previously assessed] and it was present in the county on January 1, 2008, you must report it to the Assessor no later than the last day of February 2008. The report must contain certain required information and must be on a form obtained from the Assessor's office. Section 7-36-26 NMSA 1978.

THIS NOTICE IS ONLY A BRIEF STATEMENT OF THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 7-38-8, 7-38-8.1, 7-38-13, 7-38-17, 7-38-17.1, 7-36-21.3, 7-36-20, 7-36-21, and 7-36-26 NMSA 1978, and related Taxation & Revenue Department Regulations. It is not intended to reflect the full content of these provisions, which may be examined at the office of the County Assessor.

Done this 11th day of December, 2007 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Richard E. Silva, Director  
Property Tax Division

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
IN THE TWELFTH  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
PROBATE NO. PB -2006-41**

IN THE MATTER OF )  
LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT )  
OF )  
JOHN WILLIAM SILHAN, )  
DECEASED. )

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
PETITION FOR ORDER OF  
COMPLETE SETTLEMENT  
OF ESTATE BY  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE  
THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, TO:**  
Hazel Mayree Silhan, Kevin Mark Silhan, Daniel Dean Silhan, the Unknown Heirs of John William Silhan, deceased, and all unknown persons claiming any lien upon or right title or interest in or to the Estate of John William Silhan, deceased,  
**GREETING:**

You and each of you are hereby notified that Daniel Dean Silhan and Kevin Mark Silhan, Ancillary Co-Personal Representatives of the Estate of John William Silhan deceased, have filed their Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Ancillary Personal Representatives, and you are further notified that on Thursday, the 21st day of February, 2008, at 4:00 P.M., at the District Courthouse in Carrizozo, Lincoln County, New Mexico, before District Judge Karen Parsons of Lincoln County, New Mexico, the District Court of said County and State, pursuant to an Order duly made and entered, will hear objections, if any, to said Petition for Order of Complete Settlement of Estate by Ancillary Personal Representatives, and will proceed to finally determine the testacy and heirship of said decedent, the ownership of the estate, the interest of each respective claimant thereto or therein, and the persons entitled to the distribution thereof.

Heidel, Samberson, Newell, Cox & McMahon, Post Office Drawer 1599, Lovington, New Mexico 88260, are the attorneys for the Estate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico this 4th day of January, 2008.

**JAN PERRY**  
Clerk of the District Court  
Lincoln County, New Mexico

(Seal)

By: Elizabeth Ysasi  
Deputy

**HEIDEL, SAMBERSON, NEWELL,  
COX & McMAHON**  
Post Office Drawer 1599  
Lovington, New Mexico 88260  
Telephone: 505-396-5303  
Attorneys for the Estate

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
MAGISTRATE COURT, DIV. I  
310 11th St., Carrizozo, NM 88301  
575-648-2389**

IN THE MATTER OF:  
STATE V. DENNIS L. PORTER  
CAUSE NO. M-30-MR-200800002

Notice of Hearing on January 17, 2008 at 8:00 A.M. to determine if seized animals were cruelly treated and to determine disposition of animals

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**Old Lincoln**  
by Roslie Dunlap

Murray and Marilyn Arrowsmith and families spent the holidays in San Francisco.

Nina Taylor had nearly all her family home for Christmas. Earl and family of Colorado Springs were unable to be home.

Faye and Eddie Womack had their big family gathering in Capitan.

Others visiting with family out of town were the Tom Sullivans, the Jerry Jordons and others.

It has been a cold holiday season with snow on Sierra Blanca, although not as much as they would like. The slopes were busy in spite of the lack of snowfall.

**A Family Christmas in 2007**  
It is a cold wintry morning with the cold blue sky.

Company is coming and there is slight covering of snow.

Here come Lois, David, with "Jake" the boxer clown and Magic the matriarch from Portland.

Now come Daniel with Dozer the miniature dachshund under his jacket and brother Scott of Dallas.

Last but not least Patricia, Jerry, and Corina with Monroe and Marilyn with little Shorty. Corina got to throw her first snowballs at everyone, especially her Dad. Shorty is not sure of all the people and animals as he has been abused but he is a cutie and likes to hide and peek around corners at all the activity.

Everyone is here so Corina's uncles and Dad take her to granddad's pasture for her "first" Christmas tree.

Then home with the tree where it is set up and decorated.

Everyone is tired after the long drive to so off to bed.

Scott gets up the next morning.

He is ready to chop wood with the ax and not the splitter. This turned with all the men taking turns getting wood for Granddaddy.

Wayne has come home from work to join the family.

Then it is time for the Christmas dinner that Lois and Patricia have been preparing all day. Rosalie was delegated the job setting the table.

After the sumptuous dinner it was time for Santa Claus and to watch the football games.

Ralph was an interested bystander. Beavis and Taffy were happy to have everyone here. Taffy took care of the kittens and the small dogs and Magic was the mediator if the other dogs got too rambunctious. They listened to her and then began playing some more.

Wasn't it nice all the animals love Lincoln and had so much fun together?

Everyone leaves the morning of Christmas Eve and it is quiet at the Dunlaps once again.



**LEGALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL  
DISTRICT COURT  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
No. PB-07-56  
Division III**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF DENNIS BARRY ORLOFF, Deceased.

**NOTICE OF HEARING  
BY PUBLICATION**

THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:  
TO: ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO  
HAVE OR CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN  
THE ESTATE OF DENNIS BARRY  
ORLOFF, DECEASED, OR IN THE  
MATTER BEING LITIGATED IN THE  
HEREINAFTER MENTIONED HEAR-  
ING.

Hearing on the Petition for Adjudication of Intestacy and Determination of Heirship (the "Petition"), filed by the undersigned Petitioner, will be held at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 28th day of January, 2008, at 8:00 o'clock A.M., before the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge. You are hereby notified that at the hearing the Court will consider the request by the Petitioner that:

1. The court adjudicate the intestacy of the Decedent; and
2. The Court determine the heirs of the Decedent.

A copy of the Petition is on file with the Court in the above-captioned cause and is available for your review.

Pursuant to NMSA 1978 §45-1-401, notice of the time and place of hearing on the Petition is hereby given you by publication, once each week, for two consecutive weeks:

DATED: 12-21, 2007.

PAULINE ORLOFF, Petitioner  
1818 Pelham Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Attorney for Petitioner:  
Archie A. Witham  
P.O. Box 83  
Nogal, NM 88341  
(505) 354-2698

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
No. D1226CV200700348**

THE BANK OF NEW YORK,  
FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE  
CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, CWABS,  
INC. ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES,  
SERIES 2007-BC2,

Plaintiff,

vs.  
MICHAEL SEAN MCLESKEY;  
RUIDOSO STATE BANK; THE  
UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF MICHA EL  
SEAN MCLESKEY, IF ANY,  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will on February 19, 2008, at 8:45 A.M., Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all the right, title, and interest of the above-named defendants in and to the following described real estate located in said County and State:

LOT 2, BLOCK 2 OF YOUNG  
HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO,  
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW  
MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE  
PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE  
OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK  
OF LINCOLN COUNTY, MAY 26,  
1954.

The address of the real property is 108  
Virginia Canyon Road, Ruidoso, NM  
88345.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on September 27, 2007, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a 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 \$91,384.40, plus interest from September 21, 2007 to the date of sale at the rate of 10% per annum, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee, publication costs, and Plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance, and 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 judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that this sale may be subject to a bankruptcy filing, a pay off, a reinstatement or any other condition that would cause the cancellation of this sale. Further, if any of these conditions exist, at the time of sale, this sale will be null and void, the successful bidder's funds shall be returned, and the Special Master and the mortgagee giving this notice shall not be liable to the successful bidder for any damages.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the real property and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not fore-

closed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above-described real property subject to rights of redemption.

Dated: January 8, 2008.

Peter Baca,  
Special Master

c/o Castle Meinhold & Stawarski  
13725 Struthers Road, Suite 201  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921  
(800) 286-0013 / (719) 634-4868  
07-0989/McLeskey, Michael Seann; P354910

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**LEGAL NOTICE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC  
HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Governing Body of the Town of Carrizozo will hold a Special Meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 6:00PM, City Hall Conference Room, Carrizozo, New Mexico for the purpose of:

\* Public Hearing to adopt Ordinance No. 2008-02 Section 6 Nuisance Ordinance.

\* Approval of Golf Course Lease between the Town of Carrizozo and New Mexico Land and Ranches.

\* Approval of Special Assessment District for Valle del Sol.

\* Approval of Precinct Board Members.

\* Any other business to properly come before the special meeting.

Leann Wehbrecht, CMC  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
Town of Carrizozo

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**HOLIDAY**

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**Thoughtful, Simple Gifts  
Make Everyone Feel Loved**

(NU) - Valentine's Day, a holiday that's dedicated to love, has been predominately devoted to couples, however, why not use this day as an opportunity to show friends and family members you care?

A thoughtful Valentine's Day gift for friends and family members can be simple and even heart healthy. Here are a few gift tips that will leave anyone in your life feeling loved:

- Give a fresh, healthy treat. Simple fruits such as grapefruit or oranges wrapped in cellophane bags and tied with festive ribbon and a homemade Valentine's Day card make great gifts. Not only is it thoughtful and unique, it's also healthy because citrus is packed with vitamin C and is fat-free to boot.
- A fruit basket is another great way to make a healthy treat a meaningful gift. Not to mention, it's an unexpected gift they can enjoy for several days.
- Are you having a Valentine's Day get-together or dinner party? Try handing out recipe cards as favors. Your guests will love getting the recipe for that delicious dessert you served. Try this delectable Rio Star Mini Cheesecake recipe from TexaSweets to get you started:

**Rio Star Mini Cheesecakes**  
Yields 36 mini cakes

- 1 Texas Rio Star Grapefruit, sectioned
- 1/2 cup water



Don't forget friends and family members this Valentine's Day.

- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 8 oz. cream cheese, whipped
- 1 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup grapefruit juice, reserved from sectioning
- 1 2/3 cup heavy cream, whipped
- 1 box of vanilla wafers
- Mini muffin baking cups and a baking tin

In a small saucepan, pour in water and gelatin, let stand for one minute, then cook 3 minutes over low heat. Set aside to cool for about 1 minute. In a large bowl, mix sugar, brown sugar, cream cheese, cooled gelatin, grapefruit juice and sour cream. Gently fold in whipped cream until thick and creamy. Place one wafer in each baking cup and put in baking tin. Pour mixture into prepared tin, and chill until firm for about 4 hours. Garnish with grapefruit section and mint.

For more gift ideas and recipes, visit [www.letsweets.com](http://www.letsweets.com).

**An Open Letter**

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animals for company is very cruel. They get tied to a chain and spend their lives living in an area of a 6' or 8' (is that a life?) many times with no shelter, no attention, and little food. Or, they get dropped off somewhere to fend for themselves. This results after a time of suffering and possible illness in dead animals. Remember, we have domesticated the dog and cat and they get their food from us. Or, they go to an animal control facility or rescue shelter. Hopefully, there they can get another chance at a good life. However, with the amount of animals that go to these facilities, many end up having to be put down many of those in their care not because they want to, but because they have no room for them. The solution is to protect your pet and the lives of other animals by spaying/neutering your pet. She/he should thank you if it could.

2.) Most of the animals picked up by animal control have no identification or license. I hear many reasons why people do not put identification on their pets and they don't license them.

Let's start with the licensing of your pet if your community requires it.

If you have protected your pet by spaying/neutering the cost of a license is very little -- only a few dollars. People seem to think that they are giving this money to the town and receiving nothing but a little tag in return. Wrong! There is an immediate return -- peace of mind. Have you ever heard of someone who has been bitten by a dog and the owner could not immediately be contacted? If the animal had been licensed there is a record that he has had his rabies shot -- in most places you are required to show this to get the license. Wouldn't it bring some peace of mind to know that information was immediately available? It does to me. That current tag brings that peace. What about identification on your animal? This allows your pet to be immediately identified if your pet gets loose or gets stolen. A tag with the dog's name and phone number on his collar, having your pet a microchip, or having him tattooed increases his chance of being returned to you. There are records of dogs and cats being returned to their owners many years after they have been lost through their microchip. I have seen beautiful and obedient dogs that can not be returned to owners

who obviously loved and cared for them because no one could find the owner. Please do not let this happen to your best friend.

Animals can be your best friend and companion, but along with owning one comes responsibilities. Our government officials can show the way -- through laws and building shelter, people can donate their time and money -- but it really comes down to you and me. How are we willing to help? Are we doing all for our pets to keep them loved and safe? Are we being considerate of our neighbors who may not have or want animals wandering around their property, or of people who want to enjoy their communities by feeling safe when they go out themselves or take their pets out with them for a walk? But most of all, are we being considerate of the animals that we bring into this world? We, you and I, are responsible for what each of us bring to this beautiful world of ours. Let's show others that we care and we all can coexist together --

**WEATHER  
REPORT**

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taken from the National Weather Service Website. For more up to date weather: [www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/) or the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new format for the toll-free number. Now you don't have to listen to all the road closures just to hear about your area of the state or chosen route. You can call for hourly updates about road closures and driving conditions; the number is 1-800-432-4269.



**CARRIZOZO GRIZZLY  
2007-08  
BASKETBALL SCHEDULE**



DATE	OPPONENT	WHERE	TIME	TEAMS
Jan. 8	Estancia	Home	4:00	JV/V/B&G
Jan. 10	Capitan	Home	4:00	JH/B&G
Jan. 10-12	Smokey Bear Trny.	Away	TBA	V/B&G
Jan. 14	Mescalero	Away	4:00	JH/B&G
Jan. 15	Ruidoso	Home	4:00	JH/B&G
Jan. 17	Mountainair	Away	4:00	JH/B&G
Jan. 17	Vaughn	Home	5:00	V/B&G
Jan. 19	Mountainair	Away	2:00	JV/V/B&G
Jan. 22	Capitan	Home	4:00	JV/V/B&G
Jan. 22	Ruidoso	Away	4:00	JH/B&G
Jan. 28	Mountainair	Home	4:00	JH/B&G
Jan. 29	Vaughn	Away	5:00	V/B&G
Jan. 31	Hagerman	Home	4:00	JV/V/B&G



# Sheriff's Report

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Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.  
 2:16 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Country Club Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 2:18 p.m. Medical call at Sharp Ranch Drive and Hwy 54 in Corona, ambulance dispatched.  
 3:16 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.  
 3:32 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at mile marker 285 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.  
 4:06 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported on High Chapparel in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 7:19 p.m. Medical call at location on Katrina Road in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

January 2

6:33 a.m. Medical call at residence on Hillcrest in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.  
 8:40 a.m. Fire reported at location on High Mesa in Alto, Bonito fire units dispatched.  
 9:08 a.m. Accident reported at intersection on Hwy 48 and Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 10:30 a.m. Dog reported running loose on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
 11:06 a.m. Medical call at residence on West Third Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.  
 11:50 a.m. Medical call on Ski Run Road in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.  
 3:16 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Rancher Road in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.  
 3:38 p.m. Police peace-keeping presence requested at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.  
 4:42 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Oakwood in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 7:17 p.m. Accident reported on Hwy 54 one half mile north of Carrizozo.

Carrizozo fire units, ambulance and deputy dispatched, January 3  
 8:15 a.m. Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) referral at location in Corona, deputy dispatched.  
 10:02 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.  
 10:39 a.m. Medical call at location on Pine Lodge Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:43 a.m. CYFD referral from residence on Tina Drive in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 11:48 a.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 12:02 p.m. Fire reported at location on Main Road in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units dispatched.  
 1:18 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance

dispatched.  
 4:46 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 8:37 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Shawna Lane in Enchanted Forrest, deputy dispatched.  
 10:19 p.m. Smoke reported near intersection of Mogul and Bedrock in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.



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Objective No. 3 To apply for whatever funds are necessary to enable the construction of needed housing of various types for residents now living in sub-standard housing or for new residents of the community who might come to work in new business and industry in the future.  
 Objective No. 4 Construct needed housing, either public or private, then follow up on this program by administering to the removal of dilapidated housing where the occupants of the new housing formerly lived.  
 Objective No. 5 To provide for cooperation and coordination among the various units of local government, the proposed Carrizozo housing authority, the Regional Housing Authority established by the Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD) and the housing section of the State Planning Office.  
 Objective No. 6 Establish, through invited response, the housing and other needs of elderly persons living in Carrizozo.

**ECONOMY**

Over Goal To develop a more adequate and diversified economic base which will provide more jobs with adequate income for all residents of the Planning Area so that the economic base and available jobs will not be vulnerable to fluctuation in governmental policies affecting nearby military or other installations.

Objective No. 1 To prepare for industry by improving those aspects of the community such as its appearance, which would be important to representatives of new industrial or business prospects which might be considering location in Carrizozo.

Objective No. 2 For the Board of Trustees and the Chamber of Commerce to cooperate with the Arriba Corporation, a private non-profit development corporation, in the establishment of an industrial and business development in Carrizozo, and to work towards the goal of establishing new industry and commercial enterprises within the Planning Area.

Objective No. 3 To earmark land for industry and business, and to provide the New Mexico Department of Development and the SNMEDD with a list and description of such properties so that new firms interested in locating in New Mexico could consider Carrizozo due to its availability of land for such purposes.

Objective No. 4 For the Board of Trustees and Arriba Corporation to work with landowners who have well situated land ripe for development to make this land available through either lease or purchase by needed businesses or industries.

Objective No. 5 To provide technical assistance and information to prospective industrial and business prospects in order to prove to them that Carrizozo has a cooperative attitude and that its residents will go out of their way to make them feel at home and welcome in the community.

Objective No. 6 To adopt an ordinance under the provision of the New Mexico Industrial Revenue Bond Act so that the Town can work with a prospective business or industry in getting needed financial aid.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Overall Goal To develop and maintain within the Carrizozo Planning Area the most useful, attractive, functional and economically appropriate community buildings, parks, schools, refuse disposal fire department, law enforcement, library, and other such community facilities.

Objective No. 1 To provide a well landscaped neighborhood park for those residents lying east of E. S. Route 54 so that children would not have to cross an arterial street in order to gain access to a play area.

Objective No. 2 To cooperate with the county and the nearest humane association in the establishment of an animal shelter where lost or stray pets could be kept while awaiting claiming by their owners or disposal in the event no one wants them.

Objective No. 3 To provide adequate supervision of the municipally operated solid waste disposal area so that residents of the Planning Area could haul loads of trash there during normal working hours and on Saturday mornings.

Objective No. 4 The municipal government should work with the public schools in expanding the existing library, making local residents aware of this facility and its assets, and establishing known times during which the library could be used.

SEE MORE NEXT WEEK  
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## C'zozo Fire Dept.

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the people in our community and the State Fire Marshall that we're going to use it wisely," Hill said.

The new truck will cost somewhere in the range of \$220,000, and will be almost identical to another truck owned by the department, so there will be no need for additional training to familiarize the firefighters with new equipment, Hill said. He added that the firefighters had also considered replacing a brush truck, but changed that idea when they were told by the Fire Marshall that it would not affect the department's ISO rating. "We're working on other options with that," Hill said.

The new pumper will be equipped with air packs mounted on the seat backs, which allow the firefighters to go directly from the truck into a structure fire without having to take the time to put on the protective air supply gear, Hill said. "It will be real beneficial."

The all-volunteer Carrizozo Fire Department currently owns six fire trucks and has enough volunteers to man both stations with 12 firefighters, which also contributes to the improved ISO rating, Hill said. The volunteers receive no reimbursement or other benefits for their service unless they stay in the department for 25 years. After 25 years of service, they qualify for a \$200 per month retirement package.

The Carrizozo Trustees unanimously approved Hill's request to call for bids on the new apparatus.

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 CALL:  
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FOR SALE -- 5-pc. Sectional Couch. For info call 648-2158. 2tc/1/10-17

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**FOR SALE**  
 Carrizozo 3BR House, 1100 Drexel, seller finance, \$300 month P&I. 505-489-4941

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**CASA MANANA APARTMENTS** is now taking applications for a one bedroom apartment. Rental Assistance available for elderly disabled or age 62 or older. For application, call 648-2514. TDD: 1-800-659-8331 or write to Casa Manana Apts., P.O. Box 872, Carrizozo, NM 88301.



Equal Housing Opportunity

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NEW HORIZONS DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER  
 810 "E" Ave., Carrizozo, 648-2379

All applicants must be 21 years of age or older, must be able to pass drug/alcohol screening, health exam and background check. Equal opportunity employer.

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