

# Municipal Elections Tuesday, March 4th

by Ruth Hammond

Municipal elections will be held Tuesday, March 4 in all five municipalities in Lincoln County. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Contact municipal clerks for information regarding poll locations, etc.

Ballots in each municipality will include names of candidates for the positions open. They are, in no particular order:

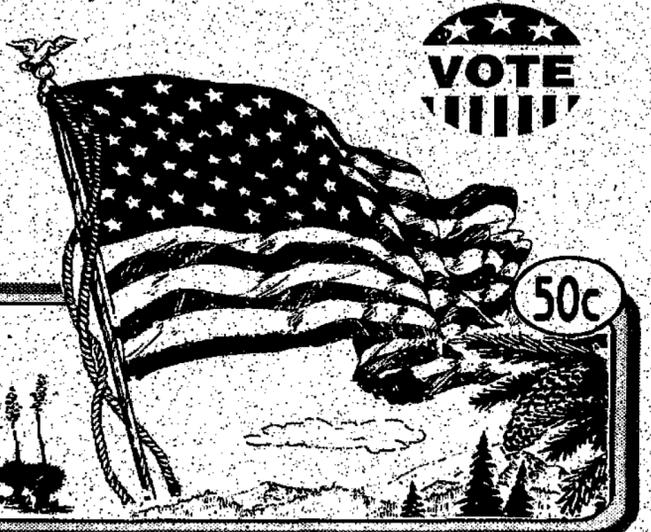
**Carrizozo**  
Trustee for four year term - Celan "Dusty" Voss, Dennis Vega.  
Trustee position for two year term - Dennis Dunning.  
Municipal judge for four year term - C.O. "Chuck" Rominger, Johnnie Johnson, Cynthia Morales Baker.  
Captain  
Trustees for four year terms, two positions open - James R. Davis, Lilly M. Wood, Gregory Flores, Glynis Racine.  
Corona  
Two councilors for four year terms - Kimberlee Smith, Sherrill Perkins Bradford.

**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 E. Blaney, Thomas E. Chavez, Gary W. Dunlap, Rene G. Olivo, Gary L. Williams.  
Ruidoso  
Three council positions open for four year terms - Angel Cherie Shaw, Donald A. Williams, Michele P. Rebstock, Bob Sterchi, Chuck E.

**Duncan, Wayne E. Fisher**  
In addition to the candidates, Carrizozo voters will be asked a question: Shall the 1/8 percent Infrastructure Gross Receipts Tax that was imposed for the guarantee of a loan for the Alesca Corp. be repealed?  
The tax was originally approved by Carrizozo voters years ago to guarantee a loan for a company that planned to locate in Carrizozo. Even though the company did not do business in Carrizozo the gross receipts tax had been approved and was collected. The proceeds from that tax

has been used to pay for town equipment.  
Bob Hemphill, the mayor of Carrizozo, has asked voters to please vote no, not to

repeal the tax. If voters agree to continue the tax the proceeds will be used to pay for needed town equipment.



## Lincoln County News

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## Jail May Have To Close In Carrizozo; Cornell Pulls Out

by Patrice Brazie

In an emergency meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners held last Thursday, county manager Tom Stewart was given the approval to issue a Request For Proposals (RFP) for the operation of the Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC).

In a news release issued last week by Stewart, he cited increased operational costs as the reason Cornell Companies, Incorporated is severing its contract with the county to run the detention center. The contract will remain in effect until May 4th.

During the emergency meeting, Stewart presented a timeline for the process of hiring a new detention center operator, which he said would require aggressive action and careful planning to ensure a smooth transition when either a new contractor or the county assumes operations.

In an effort to move as quickly as is feasible to find a company to take over operations of the county-owned facility, the RFP has been distributed to a list of potential bidders and will be advertised publicly this week. Responding proposals are due by March 28th, the day also scheduled for an evaluation of those proposals by county officials.

The bid is proposed to be awarded on April 11th or sooner, if possible, with the new contractor assuming full operations on May 4th.

Stewart reported Thursday that he had already begun coordinating with other detention centers in anticipation of the possibility that it might become necessary to transfer LCDC inmates out of the county.

"Additionally, I have coordinated for the involvement of a consultant called OSS Law Enforcement, specialists in detention center operations, for assistance during this critical period," Stewart said.

The transition from management by Cornell Companies to the new contractor will also require close coordination, he said. "Additionally, in a worst case scenario, which is if we receive no proposals, I believe we must be prepared to close the facility entirely on May 4th, 2008, for a period of time to establish a new, potentially county-employee run center," Stewart said.

extraordinary assistance from the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in expediting its required approval of any proposed contract submitted by the county.

"Every jail contract has to be approved by the state," Morel explained. "The last time we had a contract, that process took three or four months and we just don't have that amount of time," he said. The attorney said he would advise the DFA in advance that Lincoln County may be needing a quick review and approval of a contract.

"Otherwise, there's going to be a gap between when our current provider leaves and our new provider is authorized to enter into the contract and take over operations," Morel said.

The county's previous LCDC proposal evaluation

team included the county manager, two county commissioners, the Lincoln County Sheriff and the county's purchasing agent.

County commissioner Fifteen Lovelace suggested that any county commissioners who want to should be able to participate in the evaluation process.

Stewart agreed that, with proper public notification of a county commission quorum, it would be appropriate for the commissioners to be involved.

The county manager said he is working with OSS Law Enforcement consultants to expand his list of potential bidders. "That is really the critical aspect of this, to get this out to corporations and individuals that may be interested," he said. "I'm envious."

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LINCOLN COUNTY ATTORNEY Alan Morel, left, county resident Lori Wetzel, center, and County Commissioner Dave Parks, right, went over some road maps during February's county commission meeting. Wetzel expressed concerns about continued access to her property through state and federal lands. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Access Worries Near White Oaks Discussed

by Patrice Brazie

The owners of a cabin near White Oaks have asked the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to investigate the possibility of establishing four roads used to access their property as permanent roadways under the federal RS 2477 ruling.

During the regular February meeting of the county commissioners, county attorney Alan Morel suggested that there may be other alternatives for the family to pursue.

On February 19th county manager Tom Stewart reported that the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 did away with the RS 2477, a rule which made it possible to prove valid access to federal lands, by proving that access had been in existence for an unspecified period of time and is still in use.

FLPMA, however, did not terminate the rights associated with RS 2477 rights-of-way, but led to the establishment of a process by which those rights-of-way can be identified and recognized.

Because the four roads in question, roads 9784, 9781, 9771 and 435, cross private, state and federal lands, Stewart said, the cost to the county in claiming and proving the validity of permanent public access along those routes could be extremely expensive.

Morel said that the issue faced by the county revolves around what the county's position is with respect to claiming or proving the existence of the rights-of-way, and whether or not there are reasonable alternatives to the lengthy court process in-

ported that the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) of 1976 did away with the RS 2477, a rule which made it possible to prove valid access to federal lands, by proving that access had been in existence for an unspecified period of time and is still in use.

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## Newly Formed Group Is Named Carrizozo Works

by Ruth Hammond

Carrizozo Works is the name of the newly-formed organization whose task will be to seek out various ways to improve the economic base of Carrizozo. It was formed by local people and interested citizens over the past couple of weeks.

The basic premise of the group is that Carrizozo and surrounding communities are going to grow over the next few years as individuals and businesses leave the more traditional centers seeking less expensive land and taxes, more pleasant environments for employees, less pollution and many other reasons.

People have a choice of either organizing to try to

gain some control over HOW the area will grow or remain at the mercy of chance.

The group of Carrizozo Works wants to opt for some pro-active choice in who to invite in as neighbors and business partners and how to present the area.

The immediate goal of the organization is to incorporate as a private, not-for-profit organization and then to complete the process of helping Carrizozo become a "certified community" with the State Economic Development Department. With this designation Carrizozo will be in line for assistance by the state in marketing the community to prospective businesses looking to re-locate to New Mexico, giving an opportunity to open negotiations with only those companies that would best fit the area's needs and resources.

The other primary task of the organization will be to find out from existing businesses what they need to keep succeeding and how to help. This is essential as it will be difficult to interest prospective business or industry to town if basic retail infrastructure is not solid and healthy.

This is a long-term project that may reverse the drain of businesses from the community. It will require a lot of work and organization from the members of the group and also a lot of input from

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## County Officials Award Lodgers Tax Funding

During the February meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, the county officials followed the recommendations of the Lodgers Tax Committee in awarding funds to support one event and a proposed web site.

A request for \$4,000 from the Ruidoso Regional Council for the Arts for its fourth

annual mArti Gras celebration in Ruidoso resulted in a \$2,000 allocation from the county. According to the minutes of the Lodgers Tax Committee, only half of the amount requested was approved, partially because the committee members felt that Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs were most likely to benefit from the event, and

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Municipal Elections Day

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sioning no less than five, and I'm hoping for at least 10 responses to the RFP," Stewart said. "On March 28th, I'll either breathe a sigh of relief or be real concerned

that the county may have to take it over on May 4th," he said. "Or, potentially close it for a period of time until we can staff it up properly," Stewart added.

"I don't believe that, in my discussions with Cornell, that we ought to lighten-up on our current prisoner load until April 11th arrives," Stewart said.

He told the commissioners that it was also critical that U.S. Marshal and Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) officials could be assured of a logical progression in the operations transition.

"If they decide to pull out their prisoners, so be it, but I want to assure them that, effective April 11th, we'll have a better picture of the future."

Stewart also emphasized the fact that the county's contract with Cornell does continue until May 4th. "I don't want them letting-up," he said. "They're still on the hook to run this facility until May 4th, so I don't want to see any releasing of prisoners, sending them to other facilities, decreasing our current revenue from federal and BIA prisoners," Stewart said. "I don't believe that's appropriate under our current contract." He alluded to the possibility of some compromise of the contract after the 11th, when he has a better idea of what will likely occur on May 4th, "but until then," he said, "I think we hold their feet to the fire."

Companies responding to the RFP with bids to operate the detention center will be expected to offer a viable

transition plan as part of the proposal, Stewart said. He suggested that requiring a transition plan will also make it possible for the county to encourage companies to retain the current workforce at LCDC, although the workers there are employed by Cornell, not Lincoln County.

"This is probably one of the most critical things I've handled during my time as county manager," Stewart said. "I want this transition to go smoothly and safely, and I'm also concerned about the fact that we have a hospital mill levy election right in the middle of it. I think these two factors are absolutely critical to the future of the county," he said.

County commissioner Tom Battin said that the situation at LCDC has been deteriorating, and suggested that the county officials will come out of this process better equipped and better prepared than they were going in. "I can't disagree with you as to the gravity of this situation," Battin told Stewart. "We clearly had a deteriorating situation over there, and I'm sorry it came to this conclusion, but this will turn it around and we'll come out better than we went in."

# Crack Sealing To Begin On US 285 & US 70

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) began crack sealing work on US 285 February 18. Work began on US 285 starting in Guadalupe County at mile marker 204 and will end in Eddy County at mile marker 37. Work is expected to take approximately a month to complete, weather permitting.

Once work is complete on US 285 crews will begin crack sealing work on US 70 in Ruidoso Downs from mile marker 261 to mile marker 264.

The projects will require temporary lane closures with alternating traffic for three mile sections. All work will be done Monday - Friday, between 7:00 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Crack sealing is a common maintenance activity that prolongs the life of the highway and promotes safety.

Motorists are urged to watch for construction personnel working in the area, observe temporary detours, and obey posted reduced speed limit signs throughout the work zone.

The NMDOT is committed to the safety of the traveling public and thanks the public for patience and assistance while work is taking place. For updates on projects and lane closures please visit the NMDOT road advisory web site at <http://nmroads.com/> or call toll free 1-800-432-4269.

For more information concerning this work please contact Raymond Reeves, project manager, or Jeff Anderson, assistant project manager, at (575) 637-7200.

# Tire Event Recap: 658 Tires Collected and Are Recycled

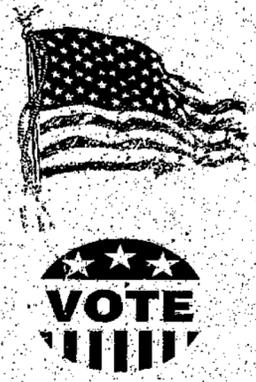
Keep Ruidoso Beautiful and the Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority (LCSWA) collected 658 discarded tires or more than 90 cubic yards of tires at the recently completed February 8 and 9 tire recycling event at Schoolhouse Park in Ruidoso.

Aided by unusually warm weather, 31 participants, about half businesses and half regular residents, participated in the event.

The collected tires will be recycled and processed into a tire bale fence being constructed around the new LCSWA Green Tree Transfer Station and Recycling Center east of Ruidoso Downs.

Old phone book recycling also continues throughout Lincoln County. New but unused phone books or old phone books may be dropped off in blue or beige labeled cardboard recycling dumpsters, the green multi-product container at the Ruidoso Downs Walmart or Corona convenience station. Tear off the covers to assist in recycling. Covers too can be recycled with slick paper magazines and catalogs.

In Otero County, phone books can be recycled at the La Luz or Chaparral convenience sites.



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# Access Worries Near White Oaks

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A decision of the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, in 2005, determined that the burden of proof of a right-of-way on federal land lies with the claimant.

"The bottom line is that it is a legal process. You do have to file in Federal Court under the Real Property Quiet Title Act of 1972," Morel said. He suggested that, because of the location of the roads in the White Oaks area, there could be prescriptive easement issues relative to crossing private land, as well as the federal issues and state issues to address, all of which are different from one another.

According to Morel, unless one can prove that a right-of-way on federal land existed prior to about 1910, the state and federal governments expect to be paid for access onto those lands. "The county can recognize, or support, RS 2477 claims," Morel said, "but the question is, are you actually going to pursue proving that it is an RS 2477 road?" he asked.

Another issue to look at, Morel continued, is that if the county were to successfully pursue the claim for access, it would then become liable for maintenance of those roads.

After discussion with representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, Morel said, some alternatives to the RS 2477 process came to light. "There are special use permits that are available; there are easements that can be granted by the federal government," Morel said, "so it's possible that, rather than going through the cumbersome RS 2477 process, you could be granted an easement which would run with the land. It's not attached to a permit or an individual," he said.

There is an application process for requesting an easement but, if granted, access would be permanently established in perpetuity, Morel said, but proof of legal access across the private sections of land would also have to be shown.

Smoky Bear District Ranger Buck Sanchez has stated that the Forest Service would not deny private property owners access to their land.

One of the property owners requesting that the county acknowledge an RS 2477 designation for the four roads mentioned, Lori Wetzel, told the county commissioners that she became concerned about access to her property when she discovered that at least one of the roads was

under consideration for closure through the U.S. Forest Service's current initiative to reduce the number of roads on Forest Service lands. She testified that the roads have all been used by the general public as well as private land owners since the early 1900s and therefore qualify for the RS 2477 designation.

County commissioner Eileen Lovelace suggested that, while the county might not want to take the issue to state and federal courts, the commissioners ought to be able to support the Wetzels in their efforts to assure the continuance of access to their property. She and county commissioner Tom Battin asked Morel to research the Wetzel's options, as the information may become valuable to other property owners as well.

Morel agreed, and also recommended that the Wetzels establish a line of communication with the local Forest Service agents to work out an appropriate agreement.

# County Democrats Elect Delegates

Lincoln County will be represented by 17 delegates to the Democratic pre-primary state convention on March 15 in Rio Rancho. At the state convention delegates will choose ballot positions for federal and some state offices.

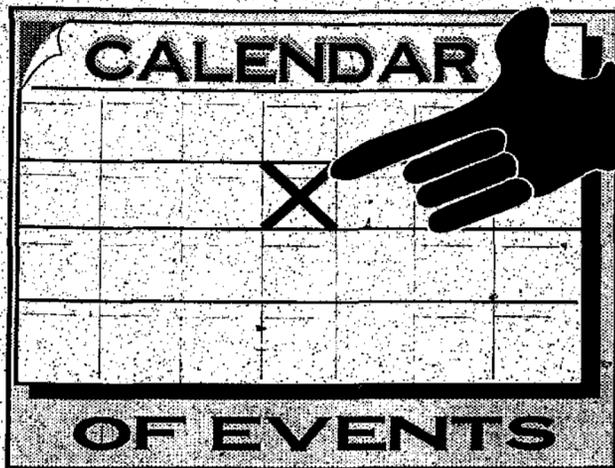
Fourteen delegates, representing most of the Lincoln County precincts, were elected by acclamation during the Democratic Party of Lincoln County (DPLC) county convention on February 24 at Ruidoso Senior Center. Delegates are Manuel I. Cruz, Tony Davis, Bob Thigpen, Nikki Murphy, Larry Mulligan, Mike Runnels, Reynaldo Valcarcel, Joyce Westerman, Susan Yabumoto, Glen Remy, and Ann Remington, Patricia Ortiz, Patti Brimberry and Tona Macken. Alternates include Bobby Romero and Howard Macken.

County chair Don Dutton, vice-chair Maria Quintana and third state central committee member Doris Cherry will join the other delegates for a contingency of 17.

Delegates are selected on a formula based on the number of votes in the last general election and percentage of registered Democrats.

Lincoln County Convention participants also had opportunity to meet with, and hear from, Democratic congressional candidates.

# Corona News



The Corona Judo Club is proud to announce the promotions of Cameron Huey, Bryan Huey, Brandon Huey and Angelina Romero to the rank of GO-KYU (Junior Yellow Belt). Judo is a Japanese martial art and Olympic sport which emphasizes throwing and grappling techniques. The Corona Judo Club meets on Thursday afternoons in the rec room at Corona Public Schools. Classes are free and open to anyone six years old or older, including adults. The instructor is Day Moss, a 6th degree black belt who has been practicing Judo since 1964.

Library board president Betty Ann Bell was in her usual rare form as MC. School superintendent Travis Lightfoot talked about the status of the school library. Mayor Bill Hignight reported on the status of the renovation of the Village of Corona Public Library. Janell Kane, founder and organizer of the Volunteer

Reading Tutors, gave information about why and how the Tutors got started. Jeanene Gibbs, library volunteer chair, told of the many ways the regular volunteers and others help out - checking out books, story hour, sorting books, hauling books, grounds upkeep at the museum, buying books, grant writing, the list goes. Entertainment was provided by Phoebe Cogdill's first graders who sang three songs adapted for the occa-

sion with words the students wrote themselves. Profuse thanks for all the good things happening were passed around. Day Moss presented Lucy Berglund with a blank card explaining that there were no words that could possibly express the appreciation for Mrs. Berglund's efforts in getting the library started. New Village of Corona Library board members Glenda James and Sarah Stewart were introduced.

- 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.
- SATURDAY, MARCH 1**  
-Special mill levy session of the Lincoln County Medical Center (LCMC) board of trustees at Capitan elementary school, multipurpose room, exhibits 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., public forum 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., for the healthcare clinics in Carrizozo, Capitan (Rose Clinic), Corona and Hondo. Exhibits represent LCMC, ambulance service, Phase III rehabilitation services, mill levy investments.
- MONDAY, MARCH 3**  
-Free basic computer literacy class starts at Carrizozo Schools computer lab, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Free classes each Monday and Wednesday evening, call 648-1022.
- TUESDAY, MARCH 4**  
-Municipal election day in all five municipalities in county. Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
-Lincoln County Public Land Use and Rural Affairs Advisory Committee (PLURAAC) meets at 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.  
-Lincoln County Water Research and Conservation Committee meets at 2:00 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse.
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**  
-Lincoln County Planning Commission meets at 1:00 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo.

## Old Lincoln Town

by ROSALIE DUNLAP

Will the wind ever quit? It is getting so dry as the fires today near Hobbs and Jal can attest to. Luckily the wind was blowing the fire away from the towns. Our condolences to the family of Mildred Dunlap Anderson and Mary Beth Fowler who lost her father. Mildred was a cousin of Ralph's but due to other circumstances we were unable to attend the funeral services in Roswell.

The Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson and Rev. Deacon Laurie Benavidez were visiting the Episcopalian members Sunday afternoon. They then visited with Tom and Pat Sullivan in Capitan. Church services will be held at the Casa de Patron Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

and Carol Robertson of Hondo visited with the Dunlaps Sunday afternoon. Dick worked for the Farmers Home Administration for years. He got the Nogal water system on its feet and saw that Lincoln got funding for their improvements on the water. A lot of memories. They were celebrating Dixie's birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Dunlap and Andrea of Wilcox spent the weekend in Ruidoso. Ralph and Rosalie visited with them. They all enjoyed eating out.

We miss the flag on the door of the former Torreón Shop. These flags were flown

in Lincoln during the United States Bicentennial in 1976. It had flown on the door of the Torreón shop since and was a landmark for Lincoln.

Long time friends, Dixie and Dick Floyd of Roswell

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

Members of the Corona FFA chapter traveled with their sponsor Tony Johnson to see government in action at the Round House in Santa Fe, Monday, February 11.

Corona Elementary students will "Jump Rope for Heart". All monies earned will go to the American Heart Association. Sign up to be a sponsor.

Services were held in Rio Rancho, February 11, for Violet Goodwin Hamilton Lucero. The cremains were interred in the Santa Fe National Cemetery that same afternoon.

Everett W. Dame, 88 died Tuesday, February 12, at the Good Samaritan Nursing Home in Farmington. He was born March 12, 1919 in Center, OK. Services were held Saturday, February 16, at Emmanuel Baptist in Farmington. Mr. Dame was the high school principal in Corona during the 50s and early 60s.

An appreciation luncheon honoring Corona Literacy Volunteers was held at the Corona Public Schools Cafeteria Thursday, February 14. There are 20 people who volunteer regularly at the Corona Library (and also act as museum docents) and 14 who read with Corona Elementary students every Mon-

**VOTE**  
**CYNTHIA MORALES BAKER**  
for  
**Carrizozo Municipal Judge**  
on  
**Tuesday, March 4th**

## County Officials Award

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the Arts Council had made no request of those municipalities to provide Lodgers Tax funding. It was also mentioned that the event was awarded \$4,000 in county funds last year and drew about 900 people to the Ruidoso Convention Center. Members of the county's Lodgers Tax Committee questioned how many of the 900 were tourists.

The second request for funding came from Peter Renich of Tin Top Tech in Capitan, to assist in the development of a web site highlighting all of the art galleries in the county. Renich requested \$1,500 and was awarded \$2,000 because, according to meeting minutes, the Lodgers Tax Committee considered the proposed web site to be very worthwhile.

## Newly Formed Group

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the community as to what the specific needs are and what kinds of businesses and light industries the group might want to try to attract - and which ones the group would rather NOT have located here.

Carrizozo Works will have regularly scheduled meetings that will primarily be work sessions but will always be open to interested parties and opportunities will be provided for the exchange of ideas and concerns.

People are encouraged to have ideas - even the crazy ones. The economic world is changing. It's anybody's guess what will be the key to success in the future.

If the group is to be successful, Carrizozo will have to present and market itself as a whole, vibrant cooperating set of both physical and human resources, i.e., geography, buildings AND peo-

ple. The only way this will be possible is for everyone to see the stake in the outcome and have a role in the process.

Yes, the refrain, "We've done this before; been there; done that; over it" has been heard. Four times, actually, leaving four defunct organizations behind since 1907, according to Scott Shafer.

This group will do it again. Maybe it will work this time, maybe it won't, but it won't be because people gave up.

Minutes of the group meetings will be on the website [www.carrizozoworks.org](http://www.carrizozoworks.org).

The group will try to keep the local newspapers apprised of progress as regular updates and hopes soon to have an office space, post office box, maybe even a phone. The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 5, at 4:00 p.m. at Valle Del Sol Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse.

## Free Computer Literacy Class Starts Monday

A free computer literacy class will be held at the Carrizozo Schools computer lab on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Classes will be March 3, 5, 10, 12, 17 and 19 and March 31 and April 2.

This class will include lessons on computer basics, how to use the mouse, basic operating skills, send/receive e-mails, children's programs, how to load software, basic

word processing and internet safety.

For more information or to register call 575-630-8181 or 1-800-854-4712 or 575-648-1022.

This is a project of ENMU-Ruidoso Adult Basic Education, the Lincoln County Literacy Council. Classes are free thanks to financial support from the Hubbard Foundation.

**VOTE**

**Celan "Dusty" Voss**

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- Lincoln County Medical Center
- Ambulance Service
- Phase III Rehabilitation Services
- Mill Levy Investments

The Healthcare Clinics in Carrizozo, Capitan (Rose Clinic), Corona and Hondo

March 1, 2008  
Exhibits 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Public Forum 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Capitan Elementary School Multipurpose Room (connected to Traylor Gym)  
150 Forest St. - Capitan, NM

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# Editorials / Opinions & Other Stuff

## THOUGHTS FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

### Tuesday's Winners Will Be...

By Ruth Hammond

Municipal elections will be held Tuesday. Some of the candidates will be jubilant at winning while others may be despondent at losing. Then again some losers may be content. Elected officials in all capacities have stringent duties at times but the results can be rewarding for them. We hope the winners will take their positions seriously.

And we hope the residents of each municipality will be satisfied with their choices and support the electees. It will be interesting to find out what percentage of voters did actually vote. Too often people will complain about what elected officials are doing yet they won't take the time to vote and be responsible for the necessary changes, or what they consider to be necessary changes. Then there are those who aren't happy regardless of what happens.

Getting desired results can be confusing at times. This week several people have complained about the detention center being inside the Carrizozo town limits. Where were they when townspeople were working diligently to get the jail built here instead of being built in Ruidoso or out on the mesa or somewhere else? Maybe they don't understand that it took a lot of effort to get officials to agree to build the jail here. If the jail had been built somewhere else it could easily have been the start of having the sheriff's office and other county offices moved which would also eventually mean the courthouse could be moved away from Carrizozo. Maybe the naysayers should do some homework and find out what happened before they put blame where it should never be placed.

Next thing that needs to be on the agenda is for people to work together, not go off with a select group to try and "improve" things. Yes, there is much to be done, but it would benefit more people if they worked together and included everyone, not excluded certain nationalities and certain people because they don't fit a unique criteria.

It reminds us of an instance 20 some years ago when at least three potential industries were told to go away even before the general public knew they considered this area as being possible locations. One industry would have hired three people but because one Carrizozo resident didn't like the product they were given the heave ho. Two other industries were sent packing also without officials being informed the industries were considering the area.

Frequently some ideas sound too good to be true, and they often are which is why it is good to be cautious. In the past there have been many possible scams introduced and fortunately the delay between the time the idea was presented and the time any \$\$\$ was involved helped.

Yes, there are good ideas, but rushing headlong into something could be more dangerous than doing nothing. For now the best thing for everyone to do is to cast votes on Tuesday for the candidates of their choice. Good luck!

## EARL



WHEW! IT'S ONLY YOUR MOTHER... I WOKE UP AND FOR A SECOND I THOUGHT I SAW A GIANT JAR OF MAYONNAISE!  
Big Dry Syndicate

## VOTE WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The forecast for the upcoming week is very simple, mostly sunny days with temperatures in the 60s, partly cloudy nights with temperatures in the mid 20s to low 30s at all elevations. Afternoon winds out of the west and southwest 15 to 25 miles an hour with occasional gusts up to as high as 35 miles an hour.

There is a very slight chance for rain showers on Sunday at all elevations.

Basically New Mexico is in the "in-between" stages between systems moving in an out of the state.

Ski Apache is open and doing business on a very limited scale, and with no fresh snowfall the skiing conditions are deteriorating. Current snow conditions are considered primary: hard packed; secondary: machine groomed. A 10 inch base at lower and middle elevations, and 25 inches at the higher elevations. 48 of 55 trails are currently open and 6 of 11 lifts are operating. Warm weather has turned the snow to slush at the lower elevations, so expect icy/grainy and bare patches by this weekend. For current conditions log on to <http://www.onthesnow.com/NM/367/skiereport.html> on the internet.

Forecast for Carrizozo, the high plains of Lincoln County and the Hondo Valley:

Today, Thursday, Feb. 28  
Mostly sunny, slightly breezy growing warmer temperatures with the highs in the mid 60s to upper 70s, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph increasing to west 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon, gusts up to 35 mph, night: Partly cloudy, breezy, with the temperatures in the low 30s, west winds 15 to 25 mph becoming northwest 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Friday, February 29  
Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s to lower 70s, night: Mostly clear skies with lows in the lower to mid 30s.

Saturday, March 1  
Partly cloudy skies with growing warmer temperatures with highs in the 60s to mid 70s, night: Partly cloudy skies with the lows in the mid 30s to lower 40s.

Sunday, March 2  
Partly cloudy skies with increasing winds, the highs in the lower 60s to mid 70s, night: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow showers, continued winds out of the west, with lows in the upper 20s to lower 30.

Monday, March 3  
Partly cloudy with a very slight chance of rain showers with temperature highs in the lower 50s to mid 60s, night: Mostly clear skies with the lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s.

Tuesday, March 4  
Mostly sunny skies with wind out of the west, highs in the 60s to lower 70s, night: Mostly clear skies with the lows in the mid 20s to lower 30s.

Forecast for Ruidoso, Capitán and Corona and most of the Hondo Valley:  
Today, Thursday, Feb. 28  
Mostly sunny skies with a high near 61, west wind between 10 and 20 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 31, west wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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## ★ Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- What's with our state's two top officials showing up in whiskers? Are they trying to take New Mexico back to its Wild West days?

Public officials almost never grow beards, but first it was Sen. Pete Domenici with chin whiskers and then Gov. Bill Richardson with an almost full beard.

Decompression is what Gov. Richardson cites as his reason and that seems a good enough explanation for Sen. Domenici's whiskers too. We know Pete won't be running for office again and Gov. Bill says he isn't interested.

Facial hair doesn't do a political candidate any good these days. Tom Dewey was the last presidential candidate to try. The former New York governor sported

a little pencil-thin moustache that had been the rage of romantic leading men in the movies since the mid-'30s. But it didn't work for Dewey in 1944 or 1948.

My mother said it made him look like a city slicker. Others said they could never trust a man with a moustache. Guess Clark Gable never could have been elected president either.

That's essentially all I knew about politicians and hairy faces so I contacted my co-author, just-about-everything, writer/historian Dave Clary in Roswell.

Clary said that as soon as the captains of industry start wearing beards again, as their predecessors did back in the days when the West was wild, we'll see a president with a beard again.

Evidently it was Abe Lincoln who got the style started in the second half of

the 19th century. Clary says Lincoln grew a beard between his 1860 election and March 1861 inauguration as president.

After that, every Republican president until William McKinley, in 1897, wore a beard. That eliminated only Democrats Andrew Johnson, who finished Lincoln's term, and Grover Cleveland, who wore only a moustache. In the early 1900s, Republican Presidents Teddy Roosevelt and William Howard Taft followed suit with moustaches.

And that was it. President Woodrow Wilson was clean shaven and every president has been since then. But Clary says beards and moustaches are likely to grow again sometime. Sideburns have come and gone, especially among young men, every 20 to 30 years.

Clary also tells me that the beardless fashion persisted among upper-class, middle-aged men for centuries beginning in the late middle ages when Europe rediscovered the Greeks and Romans, whose elite favored a clean face. Only the rich could afford good razors so the poor had beards.

The Barbarians, he says, were so named because the word "barba" meant beard. By the late 1850s, the industrial revolution enabled the poor to start shaving, so the upper class began growing beards.

Clary says many members of Congress wore a style of beard called "senatorial" from the late 1860s to the 1920s. But that has gone out of style. Of the 535 members of Congress, a few modest moustaches and two or three partial beards are it. The same is true of New Mexico's 112 legislators.

Among governors, Bill Richardson has the only beard. He is asked about it virtually every time he is interviewed on national television. It likely won't last long, especially if he wants to be considered as a vice-presidential running mate or a cabinet member. Currently there are no bearded cabinet members.

Richardson does get credit for a beard with no detectable gray, at age 60. I grew a beard at 56, when I retired from lobbying some 14 years ago. I expected a distinguished salt-and-pepper gray. There wasn't a black hair to be found. It wasn't difficult for my wife to talk me into shaving.

If Richardson plans to become a Washington lobbyist, which is what he should do if he wants to salt away some retirement money, the beard also needs to go.

## Beware of Endorsements

Municipal elections will be held next week on Tuesday, March 4th and as is the case in any kind of election some people, organization or some entity can't seem to resist the temptation to "endorse" certain candidates. Although it is their prerogative to do so, I find the validity rather amusing.

The Lincoln County News has resisted in getting involved in the endorsement business of any candidate, first of all because we think that it is the right of all voters to make up their own mind, by reading or researching the prospective candidates. Trying to change a voter's view or evaluation of a candidate just because someone else gives that certain candidate his endorsement has nothing to do with who the best candidate is. The voter should be able to decide who that person is, right or wrong.

Here in Carrizozo we have two trustee positions which voters will have to vote on. On the ballot for trustee will be five people who have been campaigning to fill those two positions. Each candidate has his own reason for running for election and each deserves our consideration. But let's try to make this election one that is an "election" where the voters will decide who the winner is. Beware of "endorsements".

Also on the ballot for the Town of Carrizozo is the position of Municipal Judge, with three candidates vying for the office. Recently read an article where a certain candidate was endorsed for this office, with claims that the office needed to be over-hauled, and that the office needed a clean slate or new beginning. If you notice in most political announcements and speeches the key word in politics nowadays is "change". That would be nice, but the judge in any municipal court works under NM State Law and Ethics, which prevents change without the laws first being changed. Also, the "Separation of Powers" prevents the Municipal Judge being involved in the legislative part of town government.

Make up 'your' own mind on election day.  
peter aguilár

## Letters to the Editor

EDITOR -- I am writing in support of Iraq-Afganistan Vets of America (Iava.com). This organization is leading the way for better services for our vets; disabled, suffering from PTSD, homeless, wounded, those not receiving responsible services from the U.S. military. Their site is pro vet. Letters, videos from the battle sights. Anyone may correspond with them.

The "Vets Bill" is in the Senate/House right now waiting for passage. Please encourage folks to write or e mail our senators Domenici, Bingaman, Pearce and Udall, if they wish.

These men and women are putting their lives on the line for us (and, if you will, oil). Let's help them all we can.

Rev. JOYCE BOVEE  
Carrizozo, NM

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GRIZZLY

WEEKLY

by Carrizozo High School JOURNALISM CLASS

Sarah Ball, Instructor

# Knowledge Bowl

Knowledge Bowl has been going on for a long time in the high school and in the junior high. The most recent high school competition was held in Ruidoso on Wednesday, February 20. All Lincoln county schools participate.

The students are divided into two teams. Junior varsity is ninth and tenth grade, and varsity is eleventh and twelfth. At this competition they only had two varsity players and the rest were junior varsity who were selected to play varsity because of the shortage. The two varsity players were Casey Barela and Danielle Cartier and then three junior varsity, Tanner Huston, Jordan Hill, and Joel Ferguson. Despite the fact they only had two varsity players, they came out victorious in third place.

Junior varsity did not place but they gave an excellent effort. Melissa Autrey, freshmen, had this to say, "It was fun, fun, fun." She thought Knowledge Bowl was about bringing friends together, and "it's a really great learning experience." The reason she joined was because her friends were in it and they talked her into it. She considers Knowledge Bowl as "portable quizzes." She added, "Knowledge is power." The only other Knowledge Bowl competition remaining will be the tournament which will be held at the Ruidoso Convention Center on Tuesday, April 29. This tournament is for high school and junior high.

Erika Culley

# The Tempest

The Advanced Placement class took a field trip to the Spencer Theatre to see *The Tempest* on Wednesday, February 20. *The Tempest* is a Shakespearean play, and it was the last known play that he wrote completely on his own. The play was read after students came back from Christmas vacation. It is about betrayal, revenge, love, and forgiveness.

The acting company's production of *The Tempest* is part of Shakespeare for a New Generation, a national initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Danielle Cartier, a junior, said that her first reaction was "somebody call Geek Squad." She explained, "It was a new twist to Shakespeare. The outfits didn't fit your usual idea of how the characters should look. The boyfriend Ferdinand wore a white and gold sweater and gold converse."

Mark LeBlanc, a junior, also added, "It was very modernized because they drank wine-in-a-box. Ariel, the spirit in *The Tempest* was the only character who seemed to fit her costume. She wore all white and that made her look like an apparition and she was African American."

The class expressed appreciation to Don and Wanda Harmon for buying the tickets for them, and for that they are very grateful.

Erika Culley



CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS

**BRAVO! Month of January - Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grades.**

**FRONT ROW:** (left to right) Aurora Vega, Grant Keeler, John Wyatt Hemphill, Nicholas Archuleta, Nathan Montes, Orion Wyatt, Ryslyn Lueras, Adam Allen, and James Gonzales.

**MIDDLE ROW:** Austin Vega, Julian Garcia, Noah Duggar, Robert Gonzales, Mya Zamora, Patrick Hooten, Mathew Keeler, Tristen Barela, and Jared Guevara.

**BACK ROW:** Isaiah Ysasi, Dominic Barela, Savannah Sanchez, Detrick Miller, Victor Najera, Xavier Zamora, and Angel Miller-Barela. (Not Pictured -- Daniel Daugherty, D'anna Willingham, and Cody Carter.)



CARRIZOZO SCHOOLS

**BRAVO! Month of January - 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades**

**FRONT ROW:** (left to right) Janae Willingham, Mikhail Barela, Dominic Garcia, Emily Comstock, Desirae Zamora, Veronica Ochoa, Danny Roper, and Garrison Ventura.

**MIDDLE ROW:** Christian Najer, Gracie Hooten, Lashae Lueras, Deline Arteché, Tyrrell Barela, Isaac Ogden, Eli Langley, and Kadee Sedillo.

**BACK ROW:** Kirsten Barela, Lexi Zamora, Hannah Ventura, Fantasia Dennis, Tiffany Vega, Josh Ventura, and Camiron Jordan. (Not pictured -- Kristie Gallacher, Lindsay Chavez, and Cheyanne Apodaca.)

# Church Directory



**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH, SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY**

Regal Presbyterian Church

E.W. BOE, 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 10th Ave., Carrizozo, NM  
648-2855 (Church) or 648-2107  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:55 a.m.  
Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Wednes. Sept. - April 8:00 p.m.  
AWANAS

**Carrizozo Assembly of God**

Corner 19th & C Ave.  
Barbara Bradley, Pastor  
Children's Ministry and Nursery Available  
Worship Service 10:00 a.m.  
Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

**Santa Rita Catholic Community.**

FR. FRANKLIN, Pastor  
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM, 648-2853  
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.  
Corona St. Theresa 1:30 p.m.

**Angie Church of the Nazarene**

"Serving All of Lincoln County"  
RICK HUTCHINSO, Pastor / 338-8032  
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 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Community dinner 6:00 p.m.  
Adult classes, Youth games and study, Kids Klub 7:30 p.m.

**Church of Christ**

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

**White Oaks Community Church**

Non-denominational  
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**

REV. JOHN HUFFMAN, RECTOR  
Corner of E. Ave. and Sixth, Carrizozo, NM  
Ph. 505-257-2368  
Holy Eucharist Sunday 9:30 a.m.

**Clarech Community Church**

TONY SCACCIA, Minister  
849-1462  
Second Sunday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

**United Methodist Churches:**

JOHANNA ANDERSON, Pastor  
1000 D. Ave. 648-2893 / 648-2845  
Carrizozo, NM 88501  
Sunday School (All Ages) 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Chair 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 Smoky 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 / 338-4827  
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship 8:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

**Trinity Southern Baptist Church**

MEL GNATKOWSKI, Pastor / 648-2530  
Phone 354-2044  
Capitan (South on Hwy. 48)  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

**First Baptist Church of Corona**

GAL WES., 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 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday:  
Teen dinner and games 6:00 p.m.  
Teen Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting 8:00 p.m.

**Grace Fellowship Church**

TERRY AIELLO, Pastor / 649 8105  
Ancho  
Worship 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday School 9:15 p.m.

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

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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**

# Bizarre Murder Trial Of David Cooper Nelson

One of the most bizarre murder trials in New Mexico history took place in Valencia County in late May 1956. David Cooper Nelson certainly displayed some of the most unusual behavior ever witnessed in a New Mexico courtroom during his high profile first-degree murder trial held in Los Lunas.

At various times during his eight-day trial, Nelson had shaken, moaned, sang, chanted, and sat hunched in his chair with his eyes closed

and his fingers placed tightly in both ears.

On two occasions, the 35-year-old defendant had had to be forcibly restrained following violent struggles with sheriff deputies assigned to guard him. According to a witness at the scene, one struggle lasted about four minutes during which "the courtroom floor was a mass of uniformed deputies' arms and legs."

Nelson had to be restrained in a straitjacket and kept in his chair with leg irons and

leather belt around his chest. When the court session ended he had to be carried from the room feet first.

Moments later a bewildered-looking Nelson had asked Deputy Sheriff Luciano T. Sanchez, "What happened? What happened? I'm sorry!"

Based on such irrational behavior, many observers believed that Nelson must surely be insane.

But others were not as easily convinced. They noted that Nelson had pleaded insanity as his defense and had undergone several hours of psychiatric testing, conducted by several Albuquerque doctors.

Nelson had told the psychiatrists that he was a "weapon of God" who had simply carried out God's command to

serve as "His executioner." Despite this assertion, the doctors had concluded that Nelson was bright, alert, knew right from wrong, and was sufficiently sane to stand trial and assist his court-appointed counsel in his legal defense.

Nelson reportedly suffered from a "disorder of personality, not of mind."

He was, in short, a sociopath, not a psychopath.

If Nelson's behavior and assertions were a charade, he was strongly motivated to give an Academy Award performance at his trial. After all, he had been accused of first-degree murder and, if found guilty, faced almost certain death in the gas chamber at the New Mexico State Penitentiary in Santa Fe.

Nelson had, in fact, confessed to the murder in which he was charged shortly after his arrest in early February 1956. Calmly smoking a cigar, Nelson had displayed a cool detachment as he described the brutal crime he had committed on January 9, 1956, near the small town of Budville, between Grants and Albuquerque, in western Valencia County.

According to the 5'6", 175-pound drifter, he had been hitchhiking east from California to Chicago when 48-year-old Ralph Henderson Rainey had given him a ride near Flagstaff, Arizona. Rainey, a butcher from Santa Monica, California, was on his way to visit his sons in Colorado.

Nelson claimed that the trip had gone well until Rainey wanted to leave Nelson off in the middle of nowhere, in the dead of night. Nelson accused Rainey of wanting to steal a bag filled with the few possessions the drifter carried in his travels.

Angered, Nelson had reached into his bag and re-

trieved a .38-caliber revolver. Brandishing the weapon, he had forced Rainey to stop the car and let his abductor drive.

In Nelson's words, "I got behind the wheel and stuck the .38 between my knees. He made a lunge for the gun, and I gave him a judo chop. He made another grab for the gun, so I shot him."

"I drove on down the road. He was gurgling and gasping and trying to talk. There was blood everywhere. It was enough to make a man sick. So I shot him again and dumped him."

Two boys discovered Rainey's body in a 14-foot deep arroyo along Route 66 the following day. The boys quickly reported their gruesome finding to the New Mexico State Police.

As if his confession wasn't damaging enough, Nelson also admitted to a similarly horrific murder committed less than two weeks after the first.

Nelson confessed that on January 22, 1956, he had shot 36-year-old Kenneth Short after Short had given him a ride in Oklahoma, much as Ralph Rainey had done in Arizona. Nelson had killed Short, dumped his body near Amarillo, Texas, and driven the dead man's car west to Nevada.

Nelson told Valencia County Sheriff Medardo Sanchez that he'd decided to confess to both crimes because he'd concluded that the police couldn't "fry me more than once."

And so David Cooper Nelson stood trial for the murder of Ralph Rainey in Valencia County with the understanding that the State of Texas was eager to prosecute him for the murder of Kenneth Short if he was found innocent or otherwise escaped the death penalty in New Mexico.

If he had to face execution, Nelson reportedly preferred death in New Mexico's "snooze box" (gas chamber) to death in Texas's electric chair.

But the odds of being found innocent or escaping the death penalty looked slim at Nelson's May 1956 trial. Despite his plea of insanity and outlandish courtroom behavior, he had been judged sane enough to stand trial.

And, despite the efforts of defenders, including Mayo T. Boucher of Belen, District Court Judge Paul A. Tackett had allowed Nelson's full confession to be admitted as testimony in his trial.

Aware that the odds were not in his favor, Nelson had caused trouble outside as well as inside the courtroom.

According to the man who occupied the cell next to Nelson's in the Valencia County jail, the former sheet metal worker paced, smoked, pounded on his cell walls, screamed, and often spoke to himself.

The accused murderer also received a black eye and several cuts on his nose during a jailhouse disturbance. Increasingly desperate, Nelson attempted to escape from the jail in Los Lunas. In response, Sheriff Sanchez had Nelson transferred to the jail in Albuquerque and, later, to the state prison in Santa Fe for safekeeping.

Nelson's murder trial ended late on Tuesday, May 29, 1956. As his 8-man, 4-women jury retired to deliberate, the defendant told one of his guards, "I'm glad that's over. Now I can quit this act. One more day and I would have [gone] nuts."

The jury's guilty verdict was almost a foregone conclusion. Having been found guilty of first-degree murder, Nelson walked calmly to the bench.

Before a packed courtroom, Judge Tackett sentenced David Cooper Nelson to death.

Setting the execution date for August 13, 1956, the



The above photo of El Paso Avenue in Carrizozo (street running parallel to railroad) came off a picture postcard which was purchased last summer by Don and Nordis Estrem of Carrizozo in flea market in Elko, Minnesota, which is close to Dennison, MN where the Estrem's have a home. The postcard was mailed by Maude Blaney from Carrizozo on June 10, 1910 to a friend in LaGrange, Illinois. Mrs. Blaney was the first president of the Carrizozo Woman's Club and her husband was a dentist in Carrizozo. Dr. Blaney had an office upstairs in Masonic building when it was a bank and later occupied an office upstairs in the Lutz building. The picture (looking N.E. on El Paso Ave.) shows building on left, Railroad Hotel -- eating house and hotel built by the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad around 1908. (Courtesy photo by Don and Nordis Estrem)

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO CV07-370**

**DEUTSCHE BANK TRUST COMPANY AMERICAS, AS TRUSTEE,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**SANDRA KELLY, FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., UNDERDOWNS'S PLUMBING, INC.,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SALE ON FORECLOSURE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-entitled Court, having appointed me as Special Master in this matter with the power to sell, has ordered me to sell the real property (the "Property") situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, commonly known 649 Main Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico, and more particularly described as follows:

A PART OF TRACT 2A, SHERWOOD FOREST SUBDIVISION, RUIDOSO, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT OF SUBDIVISION OF TRACT A OF SHERWOOD FOREST, FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO RECORDER OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, ON FEBRUARY 26, 1971, IN TUBE NO 396, AND BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED BY THE METES AND BOUNDS AS FOLLOWS TO WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID TRACT 2A; THENCE SOUTH 2 DEGREES 01 MINUTE EAST, A DISTANCE OF 14.22 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 69 DEGREES 25 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 129.61 FEET; THENCE NORTH 20 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST, A DISTANCE OF 76.99 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 85 DEGREES 38 MINUTES WEST, A DISTANCE OF 150.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The sale is to begin at 1:00 p.m. on March 21, 2008, on the front steps of the Lincoln County Courthouse, East entrance, City of Carrizozo, County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, at which time I will sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, in lawful currency of the United States of America, the Property to pay expenses of sale and to satisfy the Judgment granted Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee.

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, was awarded a Judgment on February 13, 2008, in the principal sum of \$132,211.42, plus outstanding interest through December 14, 2007, in the amount of \$8,159.77 and accruing daily thereafter at a rate of \$28.53 per day, plus late charges of \$432.56, plus escrow advances of \$1,702.00, plus property preservation fees of \$155.50, plus attorneys fees through January 31, 2008, in the sum of \$900.00 and costs through January 31, 2008, in the sum of \$824.64, with interest on the late charges, property preservation fees, escrow and advances, attorney's fees and costs of this suit at the rate of 7.8750% per annum from date of the entry of the Judgment until paid.

The sale is subject to rights and easements of record, to unpaid property taxes and assessments, and to the one (1) month right of redemption in favor of Defendant(s) as specified in the judgment filed herein.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE PROBATE COURT STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN No. 2244**

In the Matter of the Estate of **JERRY D. RICE, Deceased.**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present their claims within two (2) months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or the claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented either to the undersigned Personal Representative at the address listed below, or filed with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, at the following address: Post Office Box 338, Carrizozo, New Mexico, 88301-0338.

DATED: February 12, 2008.

**KEITH RICE**  
1753 Palsade Street  
Grand Junction,  
Colorado 81503  
(970) 242-0908

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT No. D1226CV200700425**

**WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE, INC.,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**CHARLES R. CRAWFORD, RITA J. CRAWFORD, RONNIE D. KENEMORE, WYNELL J. KENEMORE, THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION & REVENUE, UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME LIENHOLDERS, IF ANY; UNKNOWN MANUFACTURED HOME OWNERS, IF ANY; OCCUPANTS, WHOSE TRUE NAMES ARE UNKNOWN,**  
Defendant(s).

**NOTICE OF SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the undersigned Special Master will, on March 18, 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:

**TRACTS 3, 4, AND 5, BLOCK 4 OF HIGHLAND VIEW SUBDIVISION, CAPITAN, LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, AS SHOWN BY THE PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK OF LINCOLN COUNTY, AUGUST 5, 1969 IN TUBE 349.**

And all improvements, including, but not limited to, the manufactured home attached thereto. The address of the real property is 3 School Road, Capitan, NM 88316.

Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on January 29, 2008, 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 \$153,967.48, plus interest from January 21, 2008 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.25% 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 mobile home and improvements concerned with herein will be sold subject to any and all patent reservations, easements, all recorded and unrecorded liens not foreclosed 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: February 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  
07-1319/Crawford, Charles and Rita;  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT No. D-1226-CV-2007-00494**

**CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC,**  
Plaintiff,

vs.  
**RICHARD L. OSBORNE A/K/A RICHARD OSBORNE A/K/A RICK OSBORNE, THE ESTATE OF KATHY OSBORNE, DECEASED, THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF KATHY OSBORNE, DECEASED, AND CITY BANK NEW MEXICO,**  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SUIT**

**TO: THE ESTATE OF KATHY OSBORNE, DECEASED AND THE UNKNOWN HEIRS, DEVISEES OR LEGATEES OF KATHY OSBORNE, DECEASED**

You are hereby notified that a civil action has been filed against you in the District Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, by Plaintiff, Chase Home Finance LLC, in which Plaintiff prays for foreclosure on its Note and Mortgage on real property located in Lincoln County, New Mexico as described in the claim in said cause against Defendants named above, that the said real property be sold according to law and practice of this Court to pay the lien of the Plaintiff, and that the interest of Defendants, and each of them, and all persons claiming under or through them and all other persons bound by these proceedings be barred and foreclosed of all rights, interest of claims to said real property, and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

The property involved is the real estate and improvements located in 1086 State Hwy. 48, Alto, New Mexico 88312, and more particularly described as:

**Lot 9A, Block 2, Alto North Subdivision, Unit One, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the Replat of Lots 9 and 10, Block 2, Alto North Subdivision, Unit One, thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, December 3, 2004, in Cabinet 1, Slide 194,**

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. If there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control.

You are further notified that unless you enter or cause to be entered your appearance or file responsive pleadings or motions in said cause within twenty (20) days of the third consecutive publication of this Notice of Suit, judgment will be rendered in said cause against you and each of you by default, and the relief prayed for will be granted.

The name of the attorneys for Chase Home Finance LLC is Little & Dranttel, P.C., 7430 Washington Street, NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109, Telephone: (505) 833-3036.

**BY ORDER OF** the Honorable Karen L. Parsons, District Judge of the Twelfth Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico, and the Seal of the District Court of Lincoln County, entered on February 15, 2008.

Date: February 15, 2008

By: **JAN PERRY**  
Clerk of the Court

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on March 15, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. the contents of the following units will be sold at A&R Self-Storage, 203 Highway 70 E, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico 88346 (505) 378-5699.

Unit #64 occupied by Amy Gochéneur, HCR 46, Box 131, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, containing furniture household goods and miscellaneous items. The total amount due on Unit #64 is \$337.00 plus cost of publication.

Unit #38 occupied by Treva Spriggs, P.O. Box 161, Ruidoso, NM 88355 containing Christmas tree, television, furniture, books, household goods, toys, clothes, movies and miscellaneous. The total amount due on Unit #38 is \$250.00 plus cost of publication.

Unit #1001 occupied by Julio C. Vega-Rodriguez, HCR 46 Box 1803, Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346, containing china cabinet, couches, coffee table and miscellaneous items. The total due on Unit #1001 is \$470.00 plus cost of publication.

Said sale is held pursuant to Section 48-11-7 NMSA 1978 Comp. to satisfy a Landlord's Lien on said property and notice is given you by publication once each week for two consecutive weeks, A&R Self Storage.

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**Weather Report**

(Con't. from P. 4)

Friday, February 29.  
Mostly sunny skies, with a high near 58, north wind between 5 and 10 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Saturday, March 1.  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 60, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Sunday, March 2.  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 60, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Monday, March 3.  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 50, night: Mostly clear skies with a low around 26.

Tuesday, March 4.  
Sunny, with a high near 59, night: Mostly clear skies with a low in the mid 20s.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For more up to date weather reports, go to [www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/](http://www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/) on 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.



**Bizarre Murder**

(Con't from P. 6)

judge added, "May God have mercy on your soul," to which Nelson replied, "and the rest of us," too.

Leaving the courthouse in chains, Nelson praised his attorneys for doing a "great job," but claimed that Judge Tackett had been prejudiced against him and that the psychiatrists who had declared him to be sane were all liars.

En route to the state prison in Santa Fe, Nelson went so far as to boast that the death penalty was "just what I wanted. If that New Mexico jury had come up with anything else, I would have laughed at them."

Nelson even claimed that he welcomed death and would refuse the governor even if he "came to my cell and said, 'Dave, I'm freeing you.' I wouldn't leave. I don't conform to society, and I'll be glad to [die]. I can't get along with anybody on the outside."

Despite such statements, Nelson's lawyers attempted to prevent his execution by appealing his case to the New Mexico Supreme Court. The lawyers based their appeal on Nelson's claim that the police had reneged on their promise of leniency if he confessed to murdering Ralph Rainey.

Nelson's lawyers could certainly not expect mercy for their client given his long criminal record prior to his latest string of crimes. Nelson had, in fact, been arrested for armed robbery as early as the age of 11. After serving time in a juvenile detention center, he had been released only to be convicted of additional felonies in Michigan and Montana, spending at least half of his adult life behind prison walls. He was, in short, a hardened criminal long before he killed Ralph Rainey in Valencia County in early 1956.

To the surprise and dismay of many, the New Mexico Supreme Court struck down the verdict in Nelson's first trial based on the broken promise of leniency that the police had offered the accused in exchange for his confession.

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DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, February 11
8:30 a.m. Carlos J. JR-2007-47 - Bench Trial (Burson/Holmes)
1:15 p.m. Winchester v. Perez; CV-2005-38 (MSJ) (Young/Biehler)
3:00 p.m. Barbara Thokasakis v. Nikos Thokasakis; DV-2008-04 (Damages) (Gibson/ProSe)
Tuesday, February 12
8:00 a.m. Grand Jury Orientation
9:00 a.m. Adam G.; YR-2006-03 (Gisham/Holmes)(Disposition)
12:00 p.m. DJA Meeting
1:30 p.m. Pete C.; YR-2006-04 (Grisham/Mitchell)(Disposition)
4:00 p.m. Gage O.; JR-2007-33.(Check In)
Darrell Brantley
10:00 a.m. Cynthia Hoekendorf v. Rick Hoekendorf; DV-2006-05 (Mtn alleging violation)
10:30 a.m. Marva Ward v. Patrick Ward; DV-2008-07
11:00 a.m. Deanna Chee v. Tracy Largo; DV
1:15 p.m. Commissioner Room - Jenny Cooper v Ben Brumlow; DV-2008-05
2:15 p.m. Commissioner Room - Alicia Passig v. Robert Palmer; DV-2008-06
1:30 p.m. Judge Romero - Small Court Room
Wednesday, February 13
Judge Parsons Out of the Office
Thursday, February 14
8:15 a.m. State Farm Ins. v. Monroy Chavez; CV-2004-232 (Sch. Conf)(Labrec/Rafkin)
9:00 a.m. David and Karen Smith v. American Pride; CV-2006-191 Merits (Rafkin/C.Hawthorne)
11:00 a.m. Meeting - Janet Ashwood - CRB
4:00 p.m. Dillard v. Davidson; DM-2007-57, (TRO)(Hawthorne/ProSe)
Friday, February 15
Judge Wilson - Large Court Room
Judge Parsons Out of the Office
Darrell Brantley
1:30 p.m. CSEB CASES - Joseph Lopez; DM-2005-206 (OTSC)
2:30 p.m. Richard Camerer; DM-2007-32 (Mtn/Dismiss)
3:30 p.m. Richard Hadley; DM-2001-118 (Mtn to Reopen)
Monday, February 18
Judge Counts - 5 Day Jury Trial
Tuesday, February 19
Judge Counts - 5 Day Jury Trial
Judge Parsons in Ruidoso
8:15 a.m. In the Matter of SA-08-01 Relinquishment(McSwane)
9:30 a.m. (Check In) Odis B.; JR-07-30 Juveniles
10:00 a.m. First Appearance
Ryan D.; YR-08-01
Chance R.; JR-08-05
Esther R.; JR-08-04
William V.; JR-08-03/02
Change of Plea/P1
Disposition
Tuff BJ B.; JR-07-53
Jason O.; YR-2007-04
Casey S.; JR-07-63
Tiffany T.; JR-05-11
Adjudicatory
Ismeal N.; JR-07-29
Other
Jordan S.; JR-2006-17 (Judicial Inquiry)
3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
4:30 p.m. Drug Court
Darrell Brantley - (Small Court Room)
10:00 a.m. Deanna Chee v. Tracy Largo; DV-2008-09
10:30 a.m. JoAnne Trapp v. Kelly Trapp; DV-2007-107 (Application to Modify)
Wednesday, February 20
Judge Counts 5Day Jury Trial
In Magistrate Court
Judge Parsons
8:15 DC
Larry Turner; CR-07-144
Sandra Garcia; CR-07-127
Michael Garcia; CR-07-57
Paul Porter; CR-07-152
Garcia Simmons; CR-07-162
Jose Prieto; CR-07-164
Fredrick Herbst; CR-07-142
Arthur Mouldin; CR-07-150
Shay Sims; CR-07-151
Garcia Simmons; CR-07-162
Casey Saenz; CR-07-166
James Nothcutt; CR-07-172
Fredrico Gonzales; CR-05-209
Josephina Garcia; CR-07-82
Martha Alami; CR-07-92
Charles Dale; CR-2007-50
JTryone Riordan; CR-07-80 113
Cesareo Gutierrez; CR-07-146
Marco Flores; CR-2007-96
Criminal Day 8:30 a.m.
First Appearance
Robert Hopkins; CR-08-14
Adrian Herrera; CR-08-26
Tyler Line; CR-08-36
Jude Sanchez; CR-08-27
Dustin Marko; CR-08-11
Phillip Poremba; CR-0812
Initial Hearing
Bryan Irvin; CR-06-179
Joseph Secatero; CR-07-134
Anthony Rue; CR-06-93
Jonathan Carrillo; CR-06-171 Carrie Mcl eod05-182 06-09
Change of Plea
Michael Wieland; CR-07-55
Josephina Garcia; CR-07-82
Adjudicatory
Kathleen Salcido; CR-06-88
William Hillburn; CR-04-136 Sentencing
Troy Laster; CR-07-66
Robert Salas; CR-07-94
James Woodall; CR-07-21
Other Motions
Ryan Coldiron; CR-07-125
Justin Demeritt; CR-07-73 131
Frances Ochoa; CR-2006-35
Marcos P-Pena; CR07-112
1:00 p.m. Plea Meets
Elijah Romero; CR-07-190
Arturo Carmona; CR-07-194
Stephen Cloutre; CR-07-191
Michael Chavez; CR-07-189
Charles Dale; CR-07-195
Wade Walls; CR-07-201
Michael Myers; CR-07-196
Greg Carzoli; CR-07-188
James Gutierrez; CR-07-183

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.
February 11
6:12 a.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
8:41 a.m. Burglary reported near mile marker 280 on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
8:53 a.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 1 on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
12:00 p.m. Fire reported at location on Largo Road in Capitan, Capitan fire units dispatched.
2:30 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Shawna Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.
4:18 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
5:26 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 91 on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.
7:24 p.m. Trespassing reported at location in Pinos Altos in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.
8:51 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 302 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo fire units and ambulance dispatched.
February 12
6:56 a.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Homestead Loop in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
10:21 a.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 286 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
10:56 a.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
11:10 a.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported near Homestead Acres and Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
11:40 a.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Bonito Park Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
1:50 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at location on High Mesa Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
1:54 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
2:59 p.m. Warrant service at residence on West Street in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
3:44 p.m. Information report from location on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
4:30 p.m. Police presence/peacekeeping stand-by requested at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
4:38 p.m. Accident reported on Cora Dutton Road in Capitan, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
4:52 p.m. Medical call at location on Pinon in Capitan, ambulance and police dispatched.
5:00 p.m. Prisoner transport from Magistrate Court located in Carrizozo to LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
10:06 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mt. Terrace Drive in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
11:23 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso Downs police near intersection of Hwy 70 and Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
February 13
2:03 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
7:44 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Paso Monte in Alto, deputy dispatched.
7:51 a.m. Medical call at residence on Pearson Street in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.
8:31 a.m. Warrant service at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
9:40 a.m. Medical call at residence on Hwy 70 in Ruidoso, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
1:01 p.m. Vandalism reported at location on Woodbriar in Alto, deputy dispatched.
1:57 p.m. Civil dispute reported at location on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.
3:32 p.m. Warrant service at location on Honeysuckle in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
4:46 p.m. Fire reported at location on Barney Luck in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
7:41 p.m. Medical call at business located at Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 intersection in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
9:00 p.m. 911 Hang-up from business on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
February 14
9:57 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on State Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
11:22 a.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
1:52 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence in Ancho, deputy dispatched.
4:36 p.m. Agency assistance requested by New Mexico Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole Officer (APO) at location in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

7:22 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.
8:25 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Second Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
February 15
12:00 a.m. Fraud reported at Capitan Post Office on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
2:19 a.m. Welfare check requested at LCDC on Airport Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
9:00 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of Buena Vista and High Mesa Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
10:30 a.m. Warrant service at Magistrate Court located in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
12:30 p.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 220 in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
4:10 p.m. Harassment reported at location on Hwy 37 in Nogal,

deputy dispatched.
5:37 p.m. 911 Hang-up reported at residence on Sitting Bull Court in Alto, deputy dispatched.
6:08 p.m. Information report at mile marker 15 on Arabella Hwy, deputy dispatched.
11:09 p.m. Police presence/peacekeeping stand-by requested at location on Lodestar in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.
February 16
12:05 a.m. Shots fired reported near White Angel in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
12:50 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
2:16 p.m. Threats reported at residence on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
2:24 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
4:56 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on

Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
6:10 p.m. 911 Hang-up from residence on Spotted Owl Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
February 17
9:59 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 286 on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, Hondo fire units and deputy dispatched.
10:55 a.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
10:58 a.m. Alarm reported at location on North Bonito in Capitan resulting in agency assistance request, police and deputy dispatched.
11:45 a.m. Traffic offenses reported on Ski Apache Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
11:51 a.m. Medical call at location on Gray Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
11:56 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at mile marker 107 on Hwy 54 near Oscura, deputy dispatched.
2:10 p.m. Medical call at Ski Apache, ALS ambulance dispatched.
2:12 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on Fourth Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

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