

Future of Capitan Mine Questionable

by Patrice Brazie

Plans to begin exploratory drilling that could be followed by a large-scale strip mining operation in the Capitan Mountains appear to be in a holding pattern at this point. Smokey Bear District Ranger Buck Sanchez, in a report to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners on November 17th, said that the ball is in the hands of the executives of El Capitan Precious Metals, Incorporated (ECPMI), and he's simply not sure how the company plans to pro-

ceed.

Changes in management personnel and the severance of a contract with GL Environmental, the firm hired to complete the required plan of operations for ECPMI's exploratory drilling proposal, have left the Forest Service and the public with more questions about the viability of the proposal. ECPMI, reportedly, has also changed the location of its home office again.

"El Capitan Precious Metals, Incorporated, has undergone some changes in their management and struc-

ture and, in the interim, the Forest Service has completed our surface use determination on the area and have a sense for what our geologists believe could occur there in a sense of what's worth exploring from an exploration standpoint," Sanchez said. "It's a tool for me to weigh against any proposal the mining company brings forward, in terms of what is reasonable in terms of the surface use in going forward with exploration. It's sort of our professional assessment within the agency."

He reported that he has asked

ECPMI executives what their future intent is, whether they would like to pursue the original proposal, modify the proposal or withdraw it entirely.

"They've also lost their environmental consultant that was doing the NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) for the company, so they need to decide who they're going to hire and how they're going to manage that process," he said. "The next step is the mining company determining where they want to go next. They kind of have the ball at this point."

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CORONA LADY CARDINALS varsity basketball team celebrate after taking 2nd place at the recently held Vaughn Invitational Tournament. Corona won 2 out of their 3 games at the tournament by beating House and the host Lady Eagles -- their only loss being a nail-biter to San Jon in overtime 54-50. See story on page 3. (courtesy photo)

Captive Deer and Elk Valued as Livestock

by Patrice Brazie

During a recent meeting of the board of county commissioners, a question was raised about the amount of taxes collected for wildlife held captive and managed, like livestock, by local ranchers.

Lincoln County Assessor Paul Baca brought answers to the board's November 17th meeting.

"It's set by state statute that captive deer are valued as sheep and captive elk are valued as cattle," Baca explained. "I don't know why they did that other than lack of data for valuing them," he added.

Elk bulls carry a taxable value of \$825, elk cows \$487, deer bucks are valued at \$55 and does at \$33. Baca reported that there are three ranches in Lincoln County that report keeping captive deer and elk, including one north of Capitan that has 100 elk.

"Their taxes are approximately \$300," Baca said. "Then there's one that's east of Corona and all they have there is deer so their taxes are about \$24. They've only got 90 of those; the value is low so there's not much tax."

Baca said the third Lincoln County ranch keeping captive wildlife is in the Hondo area. That ranch keeps both deer and elk and pays more than \$860 in annual taxes on the animals.

In response to a question from county commissioner Eileen Sedillo, Baca said that the three ranches mentioned do not pay taxes for participation in predator control services like cattle ranchers do. Sedillo suggested that maybe they should.

"We're not attaching that 50 cents per head tax," Baca said, and explained that the New Mexico Livestock Board determines who participates in the predator control program.

Improved Access to County Records a Possibility

by Patrice Brazie

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners was asked to consider the values and costs of implementing online access to certain county records, specifically data regarding property taxes and assessed property values. That information is currently provided to the public through computers in the offices of the county clerk, treasurer and assessor, but the information is not updated daily and not necessarily the most current information available.

County manager Tom Stewart, in a November 10th memorandum to the county commissioners, said that realtors in the area have expressed a desire to be able to access property owner information, valuations and property tax information via the internet. Many realtors currently access the information through a program designed by Harvey Foster, who receives data from the county and loads aspects of that information into a database used by realtors.

"The information is frequently outdated by the time they receive it and the realtors would like more up-to-date internet access to our databases," Stewart explained during the November 17th meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Lincoln County Assessor Paul Baca said that he had consulted with the county's software provider, and was assured that the county could protect its own databases while providing internet access to some records.

"Their programmers tell me that our data cannot be compromised in any way," Baca said.

Baca said that most of the information provided to Foster comes out of the assessor's office with a couple of items concerning present and previous taxes due coming out of the treasurer's office. Nothing from the county clerk's office is included in the information provided to Foster, he said.

Two New Mexico counties have contracted the same software provider used by Lincoln County to help them get information online, but Baca said neither of those counties has implemented the program yet. Otero County has been providing internet access to some county records for about four years, and was used a model to illustrate to the county commissioners what data might be included in a website.

The cost of writing and installing a software program specific to the county's needs would cost somewhere near \$6,100, according to the county's attorney, Alan Morel, and there would be a recurring cost of \$75 per month for each county office included. The month-

ly fee is for regular updating of data, Morel said.

Lincoln County Treasurer, Beverly Calaway, reminded the county commissioners that the public is now able to come into her office, as well as those of the clerk and assessor, to get information about the amount of property taxes due and the assessed value of a property.

"On the treasurer's side, we're very concerned about the integrity of our program and no one hacking into it or anything like that," Calaway said. "We provide a disk of current information to the mortgage companies. I have 'Punkin' (finance director 'Punkin' Schlarb.) back it up and I send it to IRIADIC. They program it into the format that the mortgage companies can use to look up the information for the current taxes due."

The treasurer said that she believed the mortgage companies paid a fee of \$100 for the information.

"But that's not updated daily," she said. "I can see where the realtors would definitely need something that was updated, so they could keep up with the properties that have taxes or liens filed against them. I have an awful lot of requests from all over the country, people wanting information on delinquent properties."

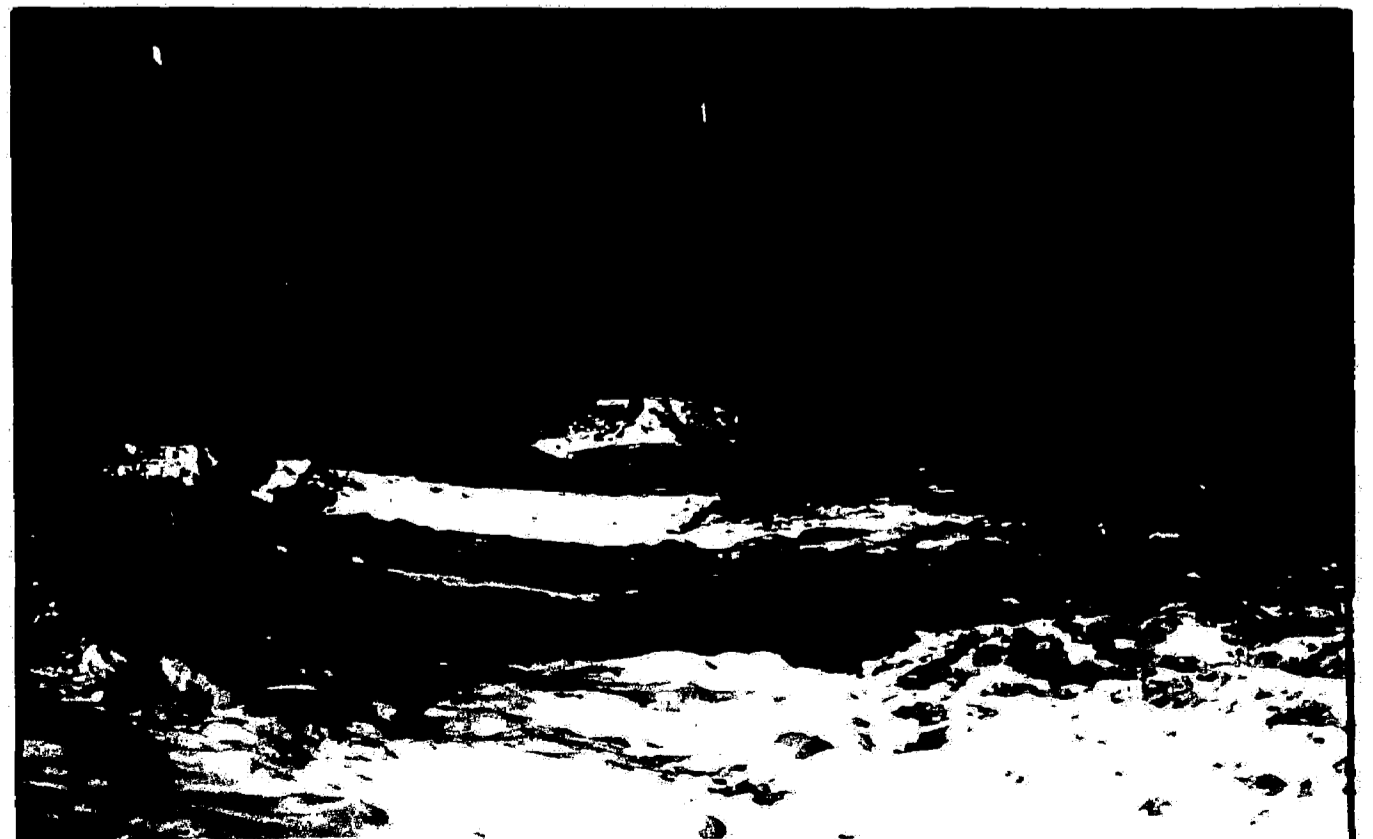
Calaway said that people who have attended seminars on buying delinquent properties for around \$250 and reselling them for a profit are also reselling information they get about those properties. She said that when those people come in to a county office for the information, they often withdraw

the request when they learn what the charge is for getting data from the county. That would probably change if the information was made available for free online.


"I know it is public information, and anyone can come into our offices at any time and request us to help them look up anything," Calaway said. "I want to make sure it's safe, and I'm concerned about the cost. One of the things I like about the disk that I provide to the mortgage companies is that I know who that information is going out to."

She told the county commissioners that, if the

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SUNNY SKIES RETURN -- After a few days of wintery weather that brought some much appreciated snow and not so much appreciated frigid temperatures across Lincoln County, sunny days returned on Wednesday. Snowfall amounts varied from more than a foot on Sierra Blanca to a few inches in the mountain settlements. Enjoy the blue skies, forecasters are predicting another storm moving through next week. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)



**LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m.
Carrizozo School Library.

TUESDAYS
Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 4:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
Corona Public Library story hour 4:00 p.m.

THURSDAYS
Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mesalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mesalero. For information call Mike at 575-682-6200.

FIRST and THIRD THURSDAYS
Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

THIRD SATURDAY of EACH MONTH
American Legion Post #11 Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9 a.m.

EACH FRIDAY
Al Anon family group for families and friends of alcoholics, noon at Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Bring lunch.

TODAY, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3
--Democratic Party of Lincoln County meets at 5:00 p.m. at LaBrewja in Carrizozo. Bring donation for food drive. For info call Maria at 937-8394.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4
--Capitan Public Library's 1st Friday hosts author Steven F. Havill at 7 p.m. He will talk about how historical research is used in writing a novel. Refreshments following event.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5
--Carrizozo Woman's Club Holiday Hoedown 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
--Smoky's Hometown Holiday Bazaar in Capitan 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
--Ruidoso Public Library presents author Steve Havill 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
--Ruidoso Public Library Open House, cookies and hot chocolate all day. Special entertainment by ENMU Ruidoso Chamber Choir at 10:30 a.m. Christmas carols in the main floor of the library.
--Ruidoso Village Council 4:30 p.m.
--Corona Village Council 5:30 p.m.
--Capitan Village Council 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9
--Special Lincoln County Commission meeting 9:00 a.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse, commission chambers, to conduct public hearing on adoption of ordinance imposing a moratorium on the combination of lots in the Deer Park Valley subdivision, a legislative priority discussion and a discussion of educational opportunities for a clean energy economy in Lincoln County.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
--Last day to pay property taxes to avoid penalty and interest.
--Southeastern New Mexico Economic Development District (SNMEDD/COC) will host Capital Outlay workshops for all governmental entities in the Lincoln County Courthouse, commission chambers, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.
--Free consumer debt/bankruptcy workshop 5:30 p.m. in Las Cruces. Call 1-800-876-6227 for information.
--Carrizozo Woman's Club 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
--Volunteers needed to help fill luminaria bags with sand and candles at the main fire station in Carrizozo. Work begins at 9 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served and lunch at noon for volunteers. School students will place the prepared bags on trailers. These will be distributed on Christmas Eve morning and lit later that day for the annual luminaria display.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13
--Christmas Cantata at Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo. Free. Program begins at 4:30 p.m. and Cantata begins at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments after Cantata.

OBITUARY

BILLY K. STEPHENSON
Billy K. Stephenson, 74, passed away on Tuesday, November 24 in Albuquerque. He was born on February 25, 1935 in Ft. Worth, Texas to Kelley and Ann (King) Stephenson.
He is survived by his wife, Veda Stephenson of Carrizozo, son, Mitch Colwell and his wife Audrey of Albuquerque, daughters, Stacy Hendricks and her husband Mark of Carrizozo, Lawn Hill of Albuquerque; grandchildren, Jesse Hill, K.C. Hendricks, Tessa Hendricks, Megan Colwell and Christine Colwell; and his sister, Patty Zumwalt and her husband

Tommy.
A funeral service was held November 28 at Carrizozo Methodist Church with Johanna Anderson and Ray Wells officiating.
Pallbearers included Otero County Electric Cooperative Board of Trustees. Honorary pallbearers were Robbie Hooten, Bill Mer-shon, Billy Royce Medlin, Sonny Watts, Mike Petty, Jack Walthall, Sterling Spencer, and Ralph Dockray.
The family entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the funeral services.

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Carrizozo School News



PFK
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Top
Sellers

MAYA ZAMORA 2nd grade and **XAVIER ZAMORA** 4th grade, were "Top Sellers" of the PFK fundraiser recently held. The brother and sister combination sold \$721.00 worth of gift items and gift wrap to earn their title. Prizes won by Maya and Xavier included Radio Pillow, Motion Black Light CD Pack, Tunnel Lamp w/clock, LED Night Lamp, IQ Candy Dispensing & Save Bank, Water Dispenser, and Robotic Flip Phone. Fifth grade was the top selling class and turned in \$1,693.50 and were rewarded with a pop corn party. PFK took in a total of \$4,832.00 and gets to keep 50% of the total, which will be used to fund scholarships, field trips, after school program, BRAVO program and Annual Christmas Book Exchange, etc. (Courtesy photo by Kelli Gullacher)

ANTIQUe STORE CLOSING - SALE

--We will be closing our Antique Store and only doing Auctions in the future -- From now thru Christmas take advantage of our sale.

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Carrizozo Grizzly Basketball Schedule
Varsity Boys & Girls JV Boys / Mid High Boys & Girls

Date	Time	Opponent/Site	Teams
Nov. 20	4:00 pm	Hondo/Away	Mid B/G
Nov. 21	10:00 am	Mescalero/Home	Mid B/G
Nov. 30	4:00 pm	Capitan/Home	Mid B/G
Dec. 1	4:00 pm	Cloudcroft/Home	JV/V B/G
Dec. 3	TBA	Magdalena Tournament	
Dec. 3	4:00 pm	Away	V/B/G
Dec. 7	4:00 pm	Magdalena/Home	Mid B/G
Dec. 8	4:00 pm	Cloudcroft/Home	Mid B/G
Dec. 11	4:00 pm	Capitan/Home	JV/V B/G
Dec. 11	4:00 pm	Magdalena/Home	JV/V B
Dec. 12	10:00 am	Hondo/Home	Mid B/G
Dec. 17	TBA	Mescalero Tournament	V/B/G
Dec. 30	2:00 pm	Cliff/Away	V/B/G
Jan. 5, '10	4:00 pm	Mountainair/Home	Mid B/G
Jan. 7-9	TBA	Capitan Tournament	V/B/G
Jan. 11	4:00 pm	Cloudcroft/Away	Mid B/G
Jan. 12	4:00 pm	Ruidoso/Away	Mid B/G
Jan. 14	4:00 pm	Capitan/Away	JV/V B/G
Jan. 16	4:00 pm	Mescalero/Home	JV/V B/G
Jan. 19	4:00 pm	Ruidoso/Home	JV/V G
Jan. 22	4:00 pm	Magdalena/Away	JV/V B
Jan. 23	3:00 pm	Ruidoso/Home	Mid B/G
Jan. 23	1:00 pm	Magdalena/Away	Mid B/G
Jan. 26	4:00 pm	Cloudcroft/Away	JV/V B/G
Jan. 29	4:00 pm	*Corona/Home	JV/V B/G
Jan. 29	4:00 pm	*Vaughn/Home	JV/V B/G
Feb. 1	4:00 pm	Mountainair/Away	Mid B/G
Feb. 2	4:00 pm	Capitan/Away	Mid B/G
Feb. 6	4:00 pm	*Hondo? Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 9	4:00 pm	*Mountainair/Homt	JV/V B/G
Feb. 9	4:00 pm	*Vaughn/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 11	4:00 pm	*Corona/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 16	4:00 pm	*Hondo/Home	JV/V B/G
Feb. 18	4:00 pm	*Mountainair/Away	JV/V B/G
Feb. 22-27	TBA	District Tourney Week	V B/G
Mar. 1-6	TBA	1st. Round	
Mar. 9-13	TBA	State Tournament	V B/G
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*District Games

Future of Capitan Mine . . .

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County commission chairman Tom Battin asked if, concerning the required level of environmental assessment for the project, the ECPMI proposal was starting over from the beginning.

"That's a good

question," Sanchez answered. "It kind of depends on what the mining company wants to do next. If they come back with the same kind of proposal, then we're going to have to look at continuing down the road we're going. If it's something scaled back from that, it may not require as extensive a NEPA document, but anything that affects the environment and anything that's covered by state or federal law is going to be considered either way."

In a letter to Charles Mottley, the new chief executive officer of ECPMI, Sanchez requested verification that Mottley is, in fact, the legal representative of the company and asked Mottley to review pertinent documents associated with the ECPMI

exploratory drilling proposal. Sanchez also requested that, if Mottley indicates the intent to go forward with the current proposal, information be provided as to what firm will be handling the completion of the plan of operations and required NEPA documents.

Note that the Forest Service may choose to re-initiate public scoping on any proposal after considering recent developments and any changes to the proposal," Sanchez wrote.

If ECPMI chooses to hire a new contractor to complete the NEPA requirements, a new memorandum of understanding between ECPMI and the Lincoln National Forest will also be required.

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Corona Cardinal Basketball

The Corona Cardinals and Lady Cardinals participated in the Vaughn Invitational Tournament on November 20th and 21st.

The Lady Cardinals started the tournament off against San Jon Coyotes. An out-of-your-seat intense game led the Lady Cardinals to overtime 3 minutes. Although they fought hard and strong, were defeated 54 to 50.

Shelly Gensler took 15 points and Allysanne Huey took 14 points during that game. Their next game was against the House Cowgirls. The first half of the game the girls dominated 41 to 2. The

Cowgirls put up a good defense against the Ladys but the Ladys were able to walk away with a win of 48 to 7. Taylor Huey and Allysanne Huey both took 12 points during that game.

The next and last game of their time in the tournament was against the Vaughn Eagles. Once again, the Lady Cardinals dominated the game. It was an astounding victory for them where Kelly Gensler scored a total of 17 points that round! The Ladys were able to take 2nd place in the tournament. Total High Point during the tournament is as follows:

Allysanne Huey 34 points, Shelly Gensler 27 points, Kelly Gensler 27 points, and Taylor Huey 24 points.

The Cardinals played San Jon Coyotes who came on strong and fierce. They pressed our Cardinals to a 16 point lead 26 to 10 by half-time. Although our boys defended as best as they could had a loss of 51 to 31. Dylan Johnson had 13 points and Jordan Huey had 10 points during that game. The following day, the Cardinals returned for two more games. Maxwell Bears was the first opponent of the day and our boys had an exciting round. The first half of the game was a thrilling 42 to 40. Although close, the boys walked away with a victory! Ending score was 67 to 60. Dylan Johnson had 19 points and Jordan Huey had a total of 16. Their last game was against the Vaughn Eagles who defeated them 28 to 15. Dylan Johnson made 14 points during that game.

Total High Point during the tournament is as follows:

Dylan Johnson 46 points, Jordan Huey 32 points.

All in all, our Cardinals and Lady Cardinals showed their skills throughout the weekend. They played strong, determined, and had excellent sportsmanship. We are proud supporters of our Corona Kids.

by V. Montell

Looking Back

'Through Our Old NEWS files'

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 105th year of being in existence (1905-2009), we will again be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following articles appeared in the Lincoln County News on . . .

JULY 29, 1955

Cowboy Rode to Glory on the Old Chisholm Trail

Washington -- He was born an Easterner, rode a Moorish horse, took his ways from Mexico, and became a legend. His business title: American cowboy.

Today, often enough, the cowboy is a college man, he inspects electric fences in a Piper Cub. His range reaches to the Florida Glades, ranches near Philadelphia, the prairies of Long Island. He's a capitalist.

Whence came the first cowboy, however? From Ireland, from Spain, from backwoods Massachusetts, from Tidewater Virginia, the National Geographic says. He rode a long trail to become a hero of the Old West.

TORY "COW-BOYS"
By Webster and other weighty dictionaries, a "cowboy" is (1) A boy who tends cows, (2) A Tory marauder and cattle-raider north of New York City in the Revolutionary War, and (3) A mounted western cattle herder.

Both word and job are older than 1776 in this country, yet at the same time considerably younger. Red and black kine grazed on the Commons of Jamestown and in Puritan Massachusetts by 1635. About 1655 -- full 300 years ago -- cattle were driven east to Boston from the then far-west outpost of Springfield on the Connecticut River.

Though English and Scotsmen used "cowherd" or "drover," the word "cowboy" was known in the colonies by 1670; Irish fieldhands may have brought it, for the term occurs in Irish balladry of 1,000 years ago.

Cattle were known in the New World 150 years before 1670. Small sharp-horned Andalusian cattle and fine-bred Barbary horses came to Mexico with Spanish conquistadors within 30 years after Columbus sighted Hispaniola. Coronado took cattle north of the Rio Grande in 1540. It was prophetic, perhaps, that the first white man to cross Texas was Cabeza de Vaca, whose name meant "Head of a Cow."

Huge Spanish haciendas spread cattle slowly north on the grassy Mexican tablelands. Herds ran wild and multiplied. Half-wild vaqueros -- "cowboys" -- rounded them up to burn or cut the hidalgo's brand on the calves.

NOTICE TO LINCOLN COUNTY PROPERTY OWNERS

PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENT DATE
LINCOLN COUNTY TREASURER reminds Lincoln County property owners, they must pay their First Half Property taxes by December 10, 2009 to avoid penalty and interest.

ACCORDING TO N.M. STATE STATUTE 7-38-53, TIMELINESS-B. ALL ACTS REQUIRED OR PERMITTED TO BE DONE BY MAIL ARE TO BE POSTMARKED ON THE REQUIRED DATE

The Lincoln County Treasurer's Office does honor the postmark, but your mailed payment **MUST BE POSTMARKED BY DECEMBER 10, 2009**. If you mail a payment on December 10, 2009, request the postmaster stamp the date in your presence, to insure the postmark of that date.

INTEREST shall accrue at the rate of one percent (1%) per month or any portion of a month. (Statute 7-38-49 NMSA 1979).

PENALTY on taxes that become delinquent shall be imposed at one percent (1%) of the delinquent tax total, or a minimum of five dollars (\$5.00), for each month they remain unpaid. (Statute 7-38-50).

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

Thank You
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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Travel curtailed after January 1
By Ruth Hammond

Travel after January 1 might be difficult, but don't worry, a million and a half in stimulus money is to be spent for counting how many green jobs there are in New Mexico and that should keep someone happy. The weird weather in the southern portion of the state is the main topic of conversation this week.

And here you thought everyone was full of turkey and not paying attention to other issues. The rhubarb about the REAL ID, which is supposed to take the place of your existing driver's license, even has our two US Senators concerned. The REAL ID Act was passed in Congress in 2005 but as of now as many as 36 states have not met the Dec. 31, 2009 deadline to comply with the law. And that is serious.

Not to worry if you don't plan to travel, but if you do, you might get stranded, that is if you are even allowed to board a plane. The two New Mexico US Senators have written a letter to the Department of Homeland Security requesting an extension for the states to become compliant with the REAL ID law.

Getting a response might be tricky, especially if the letter is being sent by a method that might involve someone not having a REAL ID. Can you imagine how many letters might be held as hostages just because a worker was not carrying a REAL ID card? Don't confuse this with a green card, which we all know has for ages been a color dispute. Anyway, now that color differences have been established, just what will people do about it? No REAL ID? Forget it.

Lest you don't know, many people believe that New Mexico is a foreign country now. Making a phone call using a calling card in Washington, D.C. is almost impossible and a few years ago phone personnel wouldn't let a person make a collect call from North Carolina to New Mexico or even use money to make the call. It was annoying for people needing to know about relatives and friends in faraway places.

Evidently this REAL ID problem will cause some people to have to get a passport just to fly from New Mexico to Dallas for a Cowboys game. When we first moved here people asked what papers they had to have to come for a visit. Back then we told them no papers were needed. Evidently now it will be similar to what Europe was in World War II and papers will be needed to walk down the street or grocery shop.

Don't forget the one and a half million being paid for a count of green jobs in the state. Maybe some of those green jobs were covered with snow.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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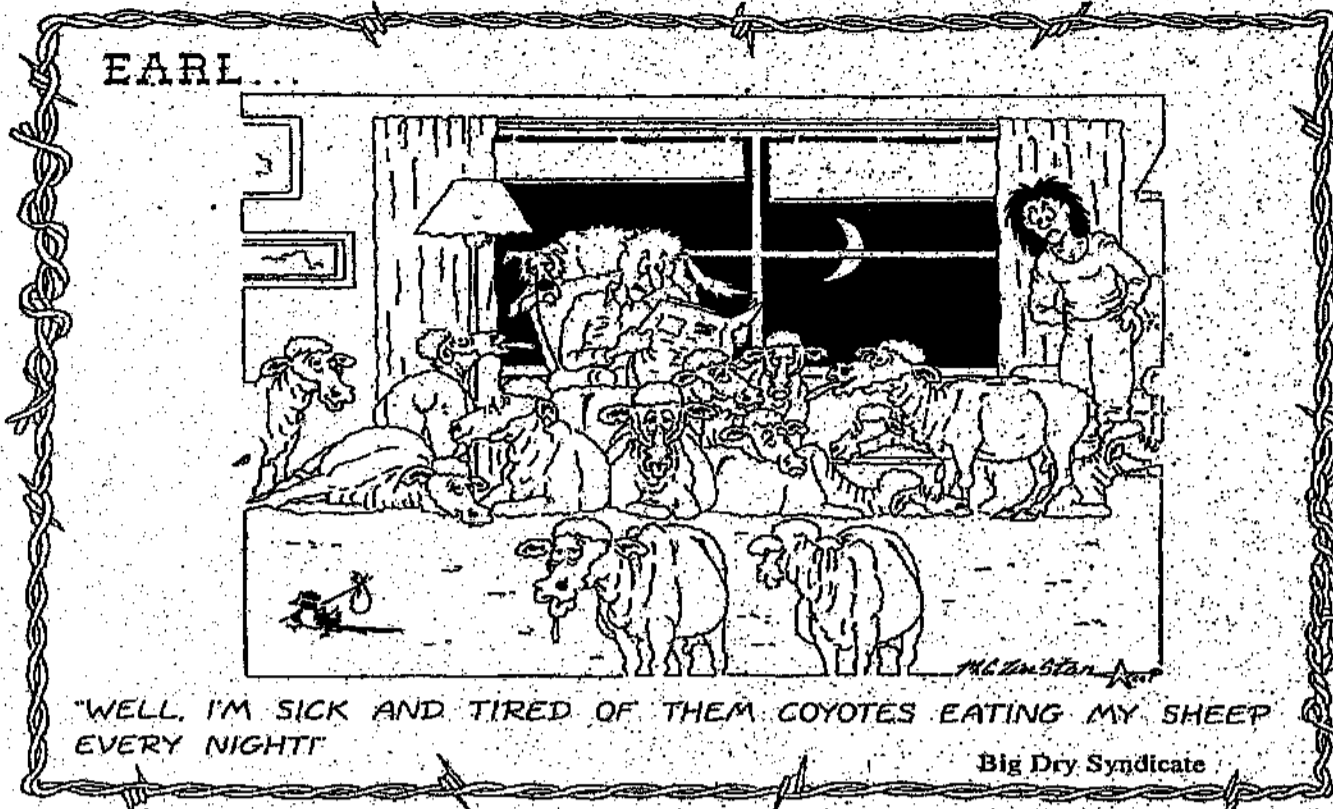
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*** Inside the Capitol**

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE - On Pearl Harbor Day, Dec. 7, 1941, New Mexico's National Guard troops, deployed to the Philippines, knew the Japanese would attack them the same day.

They had been watching reconnaissance planes fly over every day, but had orders not to fire. Our reconnaissance planes saw the huge buildup on Formosa. Japan had captured everything to the north, including China. The Philippines were the last major obstacle on the way to Australia.

Our men just didn't know when the attack was coming. When Pearl Harbor was attacked, it was about 4 a.m., on December 8, in the Philippines, on the other side of the International Date Line. The attack on the Philippines was planned for 8 a.m., but clouds over Formosa delayed it until noon.

That gave eight hours advance notice. During that time, rumors of the attack spread among various units of our troops, but they received no orders to mobilize. Some of the delay was attributed to sabotage.

Clark Field was a prime target of the air attack. Tommy Foy, later a New Mexico state legislator, was unable to get through to Clark Field from his post. Neither could anyone else. The warning never got through. The planes and trucks, lined up with military precision made perfect targets for strafing runs.

Washington had not shared everything it knew with its military commanders in the Pacific, but many still wonder why Gen. MacArthur wasn't better prepared for alerting his troops. The 200th Coast Artillery still hadn't gotten all its guns and equipment unpacked. That task had to be finished under fire.

The story of the equipment was the same as before. It was either defective or outmoded. The ammunition was corroded and most of the shells were duds. As box after box was opened, our men realized that these were their rejects from Fort Bliss, where they had trained outside El Paso. Much of it was left over from World War I.

But despite only one out of 10 shells being good, they scored five confirmed hits the first day. Four years later, in a

speech at Deming, Gen. Jonathan M. Wainwright confirmed that that the 200th had been the first unit in the Philippines to fire on the enemy.

It didn't take long for the competence of the New Mexico guardsmen, who comprised the 200th Coast Artillery, to be noticed. That first night, the undermanned 200th, too small to defend Clark Field, was split.

A third of the regiment was sent to Manila and christened as a new regiment, the 515th. It was America's first war-born regiment, composed of only 500 men, instead of the usual 1,800. The following day, another 200 men were transferred to other units in need of their expertise. "The old 200th" was now down to only 1,100 men.

The equipment situation was just as bad in Manila as it had been at Clark Field. Nearly everything, including communications equipment, was World War I vintage. But our guys got everything working well enough to go into action within 24 hours of their arrival.

As our troops were approaching Manila on December 9, the Navy was pulling out, headed south to the Dutch East Indies. But reinforcements for our anti-aircraft units were on the way. Seven ships and a heavy cruiser were headed to Manila with planes, artillery and ammunition.

Later that day, however, Washington redirected the convoy to Australia and turned four troopships, bound for Manila, back to San Francisco. MacArthur was not told, nor was he informed of the secret Roosevelt-Churchill accord to "get Hitler first." Instead Gen. George Marshall radioed him to "expect every possible assistance."

On December 10, Japanese assault forces began landing, preparatory to a full-scale invasion, and Japanese bombers and fighters began massive assaults on air fields and Manila Bay.

And thus began a terrible four months, holding the line to disrupt Japan's quick advance to Australia, and control of the entire Pacific.

NOTICE - Santa Letter this year will be published in upcoming issues of the Lincoln County News up to the week before Christmas - so get your letters in early so that they don't get left out.

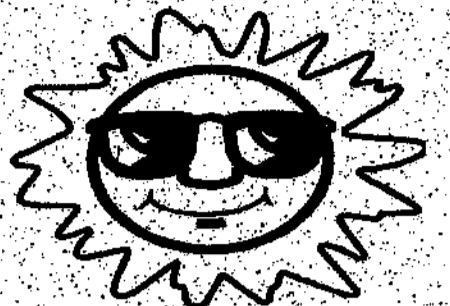
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Happy Holidays!!!



WEATHER REPORT

by JEFF HAMMOND

It looks like winter might finally be here in Lincoln County. Snow is forecast for Monday and Tuesday.

Ski Apache is open, and is currently operating two ski lifts, and three of the trails are open for skiing and snowboarding enjoyment. There is about four inches of packed machine made snow at the lower elevations, and as much as 15 inches of packed powder at the higher elevations.

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

Today, Thursday, Dec. 3, 21 shopping days until Christmas

A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 35, east winds around 5 mph becoming northwest, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17, north winds around 5 mph.

Friday, December 4
Mostly sunny, with a high near 37, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 15.

Saturday, December 5
Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Sunday, December 6
Partly sunny, with a high near 47, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Monday, December 7
A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 51, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Tuesday, December 8
A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 46, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy with a low around 25.

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

Today, Thursday, Dec. 3, 21 shopping days until Christmas

A good chance of snow, mostly cloudy, with a high near 28, south winds around 5 mph, night: A fair chance of snow, mostly cloudy, with a low around 13, east winds around 5 mph becoming north.

Friday, December 4
A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 33, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 15.

Saturday, December 5
Mostly sunny, with a high near 43, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday, December 6
Partly sunny, with a high near 45, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Monday, December 7
A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 49, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Tuesday, December 8
A slight chance of rain showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near

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DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, November 30
8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Cach, LLC v. Debbie Naccari; CV-2009-180 (Mtn/Judgment on the Pleadings) Grubestic./ Pro Se
9:00 a.m. David Royce v. Sandra Martinez; CV-2008-331 (Mtn to Clarifying, Enforce District Courts Order) Filosa/Barela
1:15 p.m. Chase Home Finance v. Asher et al; CV-2008-322 (Mtn/Dismis) Hankla/ Pro Se
Tuesday, December 1
Judge Ritter (Large Crt Room)
Judge Parsons in Ruidoso
8:15 a.m. In the matter of: PQ-2009-07 (Petition for kinship Guardianship) Schneider-Cook
Juveniles 9:00 a.m.
First Appearance
Julia W.; JR-2009-52
Ashley C.; JR-2009-53
Dylan S.; JR-2009-55
Mark K.; JR-2009-56
Trey P.; JR-2009-54
Stetson G.; JR-2009-57
Pre-Trial/Plea
Skylar F. JR-2009-38/44
Ismael B. JR-2009-12/32
Tyler H. JR-2009-46
Cash P. JR-2009-22
Disposition
Jared S.; JR-2009-39
12:00 p.m. Advisory
2:00 p.m. LCJJB
3:00 p.m. Drug Court Screening
4:30 p.m. Drug Court
Darrell Brantley (Small Crt Room)
10:30 a.m. DV-2009-85
1:15 p.m. DV-2009-86
Wednesday, December 2
8:15 a.m. Telephonic - Forrest Niccum v. The Ambrosio et al; CV-2006-361
(Mtn for Video tape deposition) Bryant/Cassel/ Pro Se
8:30 a.m. McElheny Name Change; CV-2009-340
Beauvais
4:00 p.m. Stephen Waites v. Mary Lou Areniva; DM-2009-49 (Merits) Pro Se/Pro Se
Thursday, December 3
8:15 a.m. Stuart Gall v. Billy Gall; CV-2009-267 (MSI/Mtn Judgment on the pleadings) Dutton/C.Haw
Friday, December 4
8:15 a.m. Docket Call
8:30 a.m. Plea/Meet
Criminal Docket
9:00 a.m.
First Appearance
Shane Gay; CR-09-165
Arla Webb; CR-09-160
Derrol Hubbard; CR-09-163
Allen Morgan; CR-09-147
Billy Durham; CR-09-159
Jimmy Williams; CR-09-150
Robert Salas; CR-09-152
Jordan Sharity; CR-09-156
Donald Swanner; CR-09-149
Kristy Ferguson; CR-09-137
Andrew Price; CR-08-256
Michael Woodall; CR-07-22
Ashley William; CR-09-21/38
Matthew Espinoza; CR-08-242
Ross Sanders; CR-02-64
Michael Begay; CR-08-153
Rudy Torres; CR-08-237/Jon Torrez; CR-08-232
Percy Herrera; CR-07-106
Jeff Salcido; CR-07-210
Greg Carzoli; CR-08-218/Beau Hirsch; CR-09-54
Change of plea
Alex Rivera; CR-09-117/Joe Arviso; CR-09-118
John Stewart; CR-09-102/Jesus Medina; CR-09-110
David Martinez; CR-0990/Jose Valenzuela; CR-0995
Adjudicatory
Perry Sovall; CR-08-02/Robert Salas; CR-07-94
Theodore Torres; CR-08-78
Lonnie Youngman; CR-07-207
Other
Lilly Hunter; CV-09-431/432
Wesley Gonzales; CR-07-47
Phyllis Gent; CR-07-58
Thomas Garcia; CR-08-215
Sentencing
Robert Stefani; CR-09-84
Jorge Nevarez; CR-09-41
John Charo; CR-08-46
Billie Russell; CR-08-259
3:00 p.m. Trial De Novo's James Stout; LR-09-15
NMSP/S-Cook
Trailing - Shawn Flynn; LR-09-15 Sgt. Harrison/Pro Se

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.
November 8
4:13 p.m. Shots fired reported at location on Fred Canyon Way in Bonito; deputy dispatched.
4:20 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on 12th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
6:53 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
8:51 p.m. Disturbance reported at location in Capitan, police dispatched.
10:17 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on Sixth Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
November 9
4:47 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
7:39 a.m. Unknown trouble call from Elda Road and Hwy 54 in Corona, deputy dispatched.
7:43 a.m. Accident reported at location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
9:47 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at mile marker 1 on Arabella Hwy, deputy dispatched.
9:52 a.m. Burglary reported at location on Red Fox Lane in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
12:44 p.m. Fire reported at location on Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.
2:50 p.m. Dog reported running loose in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
3:03 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Hwy 48 in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
5:40 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Mira Monte in Alto, deputy dispatched.
November 10
10:02 a.m. Medical call for person in car on Hwy 70 in Picacho, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
2:16 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Las Palas Road in Arabella, deputy dispatched.
4:02 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Wyatt Earp Circle in Alto, deputy dispatched.
4:17 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Bela Cena in Ranches of

Sontero, deputy dispatched.
5:03 p.m. Information report at location on Wolf Run Lane in Alto, deputy dispatched.
6:13 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on West Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
7:00 p.m. Lockout assistance requested at location on Main Road in Capitan, police dispatched.
8:21 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
November 11
2:57 a.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
11:40 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
1:53 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Mid Iron in Alto, deputy dispatched.
2:24 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
2:54 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 71 on Hwy 380 east of Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
3:09 p.m. Medical call at residence on Fourth Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
4:27 p.m. Dog reported running loose on the north end of Bonito Lake, deputy dispatched.
4:44 p.m. Fraud reported at location on

Aspenwood Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
5:30 p.m. Medical call at residence on Little Creek Hills Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, SLS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
6:51 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at Capitan schools in Capitan, police dispatched.
7:02 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Mulligan Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
7:10 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police dispatched.
7:19 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 271 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
November 12
7:15 a.m. Fire as a result of automobile accident reported at location

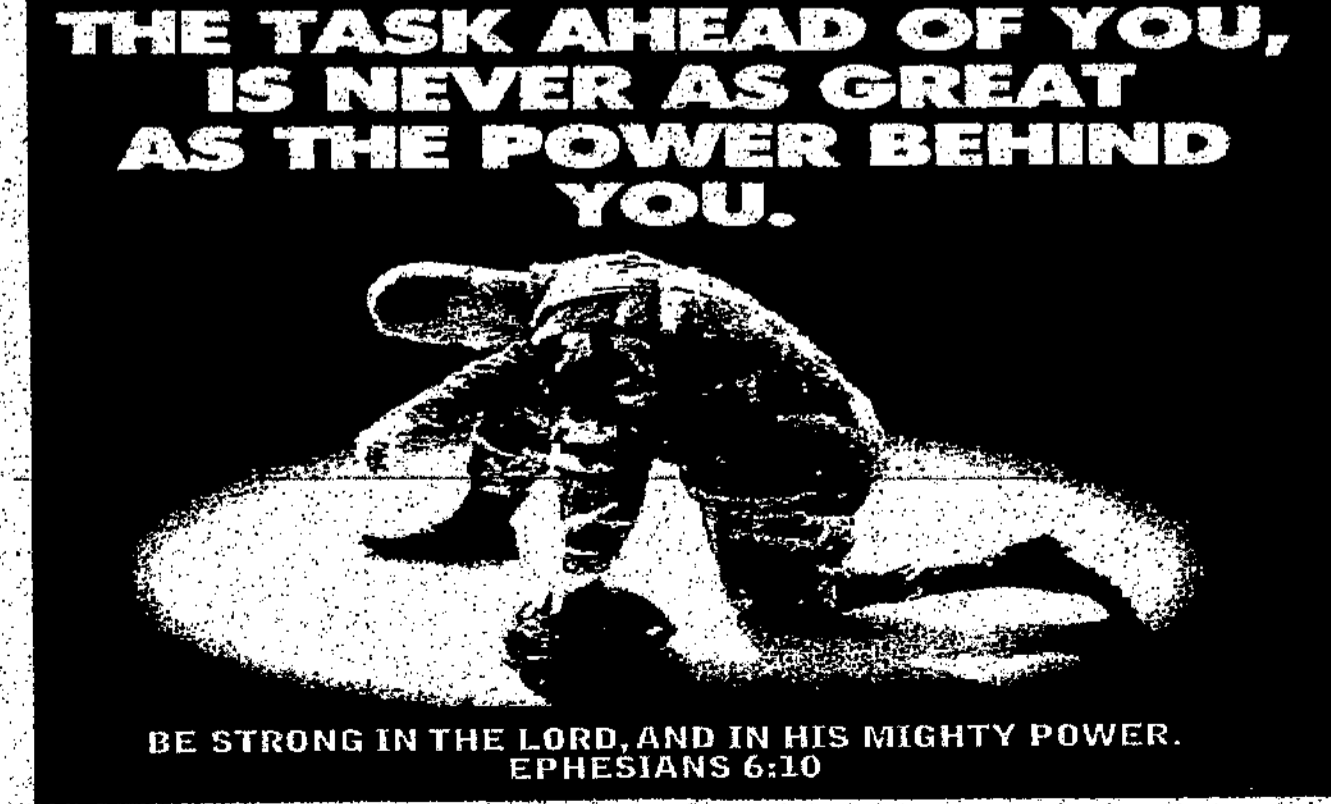
on FR 127 in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.
8:38 a.m. Assistance requested at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, deputy dispatched.
10:15 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Crown Ridge in Alto, deputy dispatched.
10:51 a.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
11:01 a.m. Alarm reported at residence on John West Lane in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
4:19 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Buckhorn Loop in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
4:36 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Rawhide in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
6:16 p.m. Dog reported running loose

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Lincoln County CHURCH DIRECTORY

MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY NOGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship... 11:00 a.m.
RUIDOSO DOWNS FIRST SOUTHERS BAPTIST CHURCH
361 East Hwy #70
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
575-378-4611
Dr. Randy Widener PhD Sr. Pastor
8:00 a.m. ... Early Bird Service
9:00 a.m. ... Breakfast
9:30 a.m. ... Sunday School
11:00 a.m. ... Traditional Services
6:00 p.m. ... Preaching/Bible Study
Wed. Community Dinner... 6:30 p.m.
Kids Activities... Wed. 5:30 p.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.
CARRIZOZO FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Hayden Smith, Pastor
314 10th Avenue
648-2968 (Church) or 648-2107
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service... 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.
AWANAS... 6:00 p.m. Wednesday (September - April)
CARRIZOZO ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Corner of 13th and C Avenue
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
Carrizozo / Capitan / Corona
Fr. Franklin, Pastor
213 Birch, Carrizozo, NM
648-2853
Daily Mass / Santa Rita... 8:30 a.m.
SATURDAY SERVICES
Capitan Sacred Heart... 5:00 p.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita... 7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY SERVICES
Capitan Sacred Heart... 8:30 a.m.
Carrizozo Santa Rita... 10:30 a.m.
Corona St. Theresa... 1:30 p.m.
CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Corner of E Ave. and 6th
Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson,
Priest in Charge
Holy Eucharist... Sunday, 9:30 a.m.
WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Non-Denominational)
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.
ANGUS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Serving All of Lincoln County
Rick Hutchingson, Pastor
336-8032
SW Corner of Hwy 48 & Hwy 37 Junction
(Between Ruidoso and Capitan)
Sunday
Sunday School for All Ages... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship & 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.
UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
1000 D Avenue, Carrizozo
648-2893 or 648-2846
Johanna Anderson, Pastor
Sunday School All Ages... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice... Tuesdays 6:30 p.m.
United Methodist Women
Third Wednesday of Month 2:00 p.m.
Followship Dinner
Fourth 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.
Followship Time... 10:15 p.m.
Adult Sunday School... 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice Tuesday... 7:00 p.m.
Followship Dinner Third Sunday of Month
Handmaidens Ecumenical Women's Group
1st and 3rd Tuesday... 9:30 a.m.
CAPITAN-CHRIST COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP
Inter-denominational
514 Smokey Bear Blvd.
Ed Vinson, Pastor
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship... 10:30 a.m.
CAPITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
5th and Lincoln
Leslie Earwood, Minister
Sunday Bible Study... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CORONA
Cal West, Pastor / 849-7975
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service... 11:00 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.
Followship Dinner (First Sunday of Month)
GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Corona, New Mexico
Terry Alelio, Pastor / 849-0105
Worship... 9:50 a.m.
CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Tony Seacis, Minister 849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month... 9:00 a.m.



BE STRONG IN THE LORD, AND IN HIS MIGHTY POWER. EPHESIANS 6:10
"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Amen"

Sheriff's Report . . .

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near mile marker 6 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 11:04 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso police at booking desk of Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 November 13
 12:00 a.m. Registered Sex Offender Check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 12:19 a.m. Unknown trouble call at business located on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police dispatched.
 8:47 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Wolf Springs in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
 12:25 p.m.

Burglary reported at location on Jicarilla Road in White Oaks, deputy dispatched.
 3:56 p.m. Agency assistance requested by U. S. Forest Service ranger at intersection of Cora Dutton Road and Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 6:08 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on 17th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 November 14
 2:10 a.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Hill Trail in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 2:19 a.m. Medical call at residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto, ALSA ambulance dispatched.
 6:54 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 300 on Hwy 70 in Hondo,

Hondo fire units and deputy dispatched.
 8:12 a.m. Funeral escort requested at St. Judes Church in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 9:37 a.m. Accident reported at location on Santiago Drive in Ranches of Sontero, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 12:12 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Mira Monte in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 2:11 p.m. Agency assistance requested at location on FR 120A in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 3:24 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 3:50 p.m. Information report at residence on Reynolds Court

in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
 4:30 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 9:11 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 13 on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 9:47 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 November 15
 3:49 a.m. Medical call at residence on Sierra Vista Drive in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 6:18 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Country Club Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 8:12 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Country Club Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 1:08 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 3:55 p.m. Fire call/stand by to check for hot spots at location on Eagle Creek Canyon Road in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.
 6:07 p.m. Medical call at location on Main Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
 6:47 p.m. Medical call at residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
 9:34 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 11:55 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Fifth Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
 November 16
 7:33 a.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Reynolds Drive in Palo

Verde, deputy dispatched.
 8:55 a.m. Alarm reported at location on John West Lane in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
 12:14 p.m. Automobile burglary reported at location on Lower Eagle Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.
 1:20 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Rawhide in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
 5:57 p.m. Medical call at residence on Aspen in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 6:09 p.m. Harassment reported at residence on Utah in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.
 6:14 p.m. Medical call at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 9:36 p.m. Medical call at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 November 17
 8:47 a.m. Medical call at residence on Cedar in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 9:01 a.m. Run away juvenile reported from residence on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
 12:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on Birch Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
 1:45 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Old Schoolhouse Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
 1:55 p.m. Warrant service at District Court located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

patched.
 4:40 p.m. Fire reported at location on Hwy 48 across from Escondido in Capitan, fire units and deputy dispatched.
 5:24 p.m. Assault reported at residence in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
 11:42 p.m. Medical call/death reported at residence on Laughing Horse Trail in Capitan, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
 November 18
 12:00 a.m. Sex Offense reported at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 8:03 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Chisolm Trail in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.
 1:50 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Forest Road in Capitan, Capitan fire units and deputy dispatched.
 4:18 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
 4:41 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Ironwood Road in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
 5:16 p.m. New Mexico Department of Corrections Adult Probation and Parole officer (APO) requests agency assistance in arresting parolee at large at location on Sudderth Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
 5:35 p.m. Dog reported running loose on

Old Lincoln

by Rosalie Dunlap

It has rained here last night and all day. Saturday night it rained near Mesilla Park and the streets were flooding. They are predicting up to three to five inches of snow tonight. And Lois and David are supposed to be here tomorrow afternoon. Interstate 10 is supposed to be a little rough from Ft. Hancock to El Paso and on up to Las Cruces.

It is hard to believe there will be that much snow. Several passes and roads are already closed.

Our sympathies to Veda Lou Stephensen and her family. It will be big loss to Lincoln County. Billy was another one with that special smile.

Caroline and Gene Christman have returned to Lincoln after a few weeks absence. Caroline had major surgery on her back at Colorado Springs. But you can't keep her down. She rode all the way to Lincoln and proceeded to open the shop the next day.

We went to Lincoln to check on things and they came in while we were there. It was a quick trip as Ralph doesn't do well there. I was trying to get what

photos I can work on and got a little Xmas stuff but not much. We were hoping to see more friends but felt we had to get back to Las Cruces.

Thanksgiving is past and now it is about time to think Christmas. We need to remember Christmas is the time to rejoice in the birth of Jesus.

Mandy Arrowsmith is probably in New Zealand now. She will be spending three months with her uncle and family and enjoying the sights. I wish I was there with her. We really enjoyed visiting New Zealand. The sights and the people were great.

We spent Thanksgiving with friends. Lucy fixed a bountiful meal and as usual one always eats too much. We all have so much to be thankful for - family, good friends, home, and health.

My news didn't make it last week so hope this week does. I seem to get busy and time slips away from me.

Improved Access to County Records . . .

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information is provided online, they won't know who's getting it, but added that she thought it was a service that the county should provide.

"I'm torn, a little bit, because of the internal controls that my office has to have," she said. "If we can look where other counties are using it, and it's working well, then I would certainly agree with that."

Morel said that, although realtors might make up the key group that could benefit from having tax and valuation data available online, bankers, title companies, homeowners and those shopping for property would also benefit.

"Otero County indicated it actually freed up one, maybe two employees from having to just take phone calls, look up data and call people back," Morel said.

Tammie Maddox, Lincoln County Clerk, said that she also thinks that providing online access to some public information from her office would be a valuable service. Making information about property deeds and mortgages available online would be a little more complicated than the tax records, she said.

"I would like to know about it before any decisions are made," Maddox said.

According to the clerk, the Bernalillo County Clerk's office requires that online users give credit card information before accessing records that the office generally charges for. Maddox said that system allows the clerk to know who is getting the information as well.

"I think there's more to look at than just jumping into it," she said. "I'd like to provide the information to people as a public service, but I really want to be careful about what we're doing."

Foster told the county commissioners that his program is used by 10 other counties, and has

greatly reduced the workload in offices of those counties. He suggested that his website could be updated weekly, rather than monthly, to provide more updated information, and could be linked to the county website. He offered to return to the county commission's next meeting to give a presentation of how his software works.

Schlarb, who maintains the county's website along with her duties as finance director, suggested that there could be compatibility issues with Foster's program.

"To put things in a format that make's it available for everybody to read is going to be difficult, because there are a lot of people out there that aren't computer literate," Schlarb said. "It's something that we can work towards."

Jenny Dorgan, a realtor and member of the Lincoln County Planning Commission, said that some people have to put a lot of miles on their vehicles driving back and forth to Carrizozo to get information from county offices. She suggested that the people who would benefit most from having the information online might be persuaded to contribute to the cost of putting data online.

The county commissioners seemed to all agree that having certain public information available to online users would be a good thing, but there are issues associated with security and costs that will need to be addressed. The topic will be presented for more additional discussion and debate during the December meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Have A Great Weekend!!!

LEGAL

LEGAL NOTICE ELECTION RESOLUTION TOWN OF CARRIZOZO RESOLUTION NO. R2009-18

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Town of Carrizozo that:

- A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 2, 2010. Polls will open at 7:00AM and close at 7:00PM.
- B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:
 1. One Mayor for a four-year term.
 2. One Trustees for a four-year term.
 3. One Trustee for a four-year term.
- C. Precincts 2A & 13 are consolidated for the regular municipal election.
- D. The following locations are designated as polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:
 1. Voters in Precincts 2A & 13 shall vote at the Town of Carrizozo Municipal Building, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301
 - E. Absentee Voting. Any qualified elector of the Town of Carrizozo shall obtain an application for an absentee ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00PM, February 26, 2010. After 5:00PM, on February 26, 2010, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, by a member of the voter's immediate family, or by a caregiver to the voter until 7:00PM. On March 2, 2010.
 - F. Absentee ballots may be marked in person in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Tuesday, January 26 and closing at 5:00PM on Friday, February 26, 2010.
 - G. Early Voting. Early Voting on paper ballots counted by (M100 or M650) electronic vote tabulator will be conducted in the office of the Municipal Clerk during the regular hours and days of business, beginning on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 and closing at 5:00PM. On Friday February 26, 2010.
 - F. Persons desiring to register to vote at the regular municipal election must register with the County Clerk of Lincoln County not later than Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 5:00PM, the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.
 - G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 between 8:0AM and 5:00PM.
 - H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots to be counted by M100 electronic vote tabulators.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2009.

Robert E. Hemphill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leann Weibrecht, CMC

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
LINCOLN COUNTY
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
No. CV-2009-293
Judge Karen L. Parsons

COMPASS BANK, formerly known as State National Bank, Plaintiff,

vs.

JAY CASTLEBERRY, CAROL CASTLEBERRY, FOX-WORTH-GALBRAITH LUMBER COMPANY, and any and all unknown claimants, Defendants.

AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 15, 2009, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the undersigned Special Master will, at the North East Entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the above-named Defendants in and to the below described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 7 Silver Fox Lane, Alto, New Mexico, and is situated in Lincoln County, New Mexico, and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot 7, Block 3, Shauna Downs Estates, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico August 18, 1981, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 40 & 41.

Together with that certain Reservation of Utility and Driveway Easement, Recorded December 15, 2006, in Book 2006 of County Records, Page 12149, Records of Lincoln County, New Mexico.

THE FOREGOING SALE will be made to satisfy a default judgment rendered by the above Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on October 15, 2009 against Defendants Jay Castleberry and Carol Castleberry, being an In Rem Complaint to foreclose a real estate mortgage under which Plaintiff was adjudged to have a first and prior lien against the above-described real estate securing payment of its Judgment in the principal sum of \$215,200.91 with interest continuing at the rate of 6.75% per annum from October 15, 2009, until paid, plus attorney fees and costs of \$3,426.35 and tax thereon, plus the costs of this action including Special Master's fee and publication of this notice. The Judgment bears interest to date of sale. Sale is being made to satisfy the Judgment plus interest and will be made to the highest and best bidder for cash, except that the Plaintiff may bid its judgment or any part thereof. The time and date of sale may be postponed by the Special Master if he deems it advisable.

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 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 a one (1) month right of redemption.

The attorney for the plaintiff is Matthew P. Holt of Holt Babington Mynatt P.C., P.O. Box 2699, Las Cruces, New Mexico 88004-2699.

PETER BACA
Special Master

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LEGAL NOTICE

VALLE DEL SOL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the formation of the Valle Del Sol Improvement District ("District") pursuant to Chapter 3, Article 33, NMSA 1978 and the establishment of the assessment roll and amount of assessment.

The land comprising the District is identified on the plats of the Valle Del Sol Subdivision filed in the records of the Lincoln County Clerk.

The assessment hearing will be held at the Carrizozo City Hall on December 14, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. wherein any objections made pursuant to Section 3-33-22 shall be heard by the Town Council.

The boundary of the District will include all Phases of Valle Del Sol Subdivision.

The routes of the improvements by streets or location of the improvements are as shown on the plats of Valle Del Sol subdivision, filed in the records of Lincoln County. The Town of Carrizozo has assumed maintenance of Phases I and II, and will assume each additional Phase from the Developer as each Phase reaches a 50% sold to an end user within that Phase, thereby starting the fifteen year assessment period for that Phase.

All tracts within the proposed District will be assessed and those properties adjoining the subdivision Valle Del Sol, if their only access is via subdivision property.

The assessment period shall be fifteen years upon assumption of maintenance of the Phase, at which point, the Town of Carrizozo will assume maintenance in accordance with regular subdivision standards.

The amount of the assessment for each tract is \$100.00 annually. Said assessment shall commence January 1, 2010 and shall be prorated for fiscal year 2009-2010 with the actual annual assessment fee of \$100.00 being due and owing on the 1st day of July and delinquent on the 15th day of July of each year.

The Developer will receive a waiver for his consideration of constructing and maintaining the improvements for a period of fifteen years.

The amount of cost to be assumed by the municipality is any cost over the estimated assessment.

The Notice is mailed and published pursuant to Section 3-33-21 NMSA 1978.

Executed effective the 9th day of November, 2009, at Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Mayor Bob Hemphill

ATTEST:

Leann Weibrecht
Town Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF LINCOLN STATE OF NEW MEXICO Cause No. 397

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
TO CHANGE NAME OF CRYSTAL
MICHELE BARNETT

NOTICE OF PENDING OF

LEGALS

PETITION TO CHANGE NAME TO: WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please take Notice that the Petitioner, Crystal Michele Barnett, has filed a Petition To Change Name in the District Court of Lincoln County. The purpose of the petition is to change Petitioner's legal name from Crystal Michele Barnett to Crystal Michele Campbell. Please take further notice that a hearing in the District Court to approve the petition will be held on December 17, 2009 at 1:15 p.m. at the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Charles E. Hawthorne
Attorney for Petitioner
900 Sudderth Drive
Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345
(575) 257-1323 257-1327

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT NO. CV09-297

FIRST HORIZON HOME LOANS, A DIVISION OF FIRST TENNESSEE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,

v.
KEITH D. CLEVINGER, TRACIE R. CLEVINGER, AND BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Defendant(s).

SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on December 17, 2009, at 9:00AM, at the Northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central, Carrizozo, New Mexico, sell and convey to the highest bidder for cash all of 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 6, Block 9, WHITE MOUNTAIN ESTATES, UNIT 5, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown by the plat thereof filed in the Office of the County Clerk and Ex-officio Recorder of Lincoln County, New Mexico, May 20, 1981, in Cabinet D, Slide Nos. 13 and 14

which Property is more commonly known to the best of Plaintiff's knowledge as 1119 Hull Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345. Plaintiff does not represent or warrant that the stated street address is the street address of the described property; if the street address does not match the legal description, then the property being sold herein is the property more particularly described above, not the property located at the street address; any prospective purchaser at the sale is given notice that it should verify the location and address of the property being sold. Said sale will be made pursuant to the Decree of Foreclosure entered on October 3, 2009, in the above entitled and numbered cause, which was a suit to foreclose a note and mortgage held by the above plaintiff and wherein plaintiff was adjudged to have a lien against the above-described real estate in the sum of \$426,324.00, plus interest from October 3, 2009 to the date of sale at the rate of 7.500% per annum, or \$79.14 per day, the costs of sale, including the Special Master's fee of \$320.63, publication costs, and plaintiff's costs expended for taxes, insurance or keeping the property in good repair. Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale and submit its bid verbally or in writing. The Plaintiff may apply all or any part of its judgment to the purchase price in lieu of cash.

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 foreclosed herein, and all recorded and unrecorded special assessments and taxes that may be due. Plaintiff and its attorneys disclaim all responsibility for, and the purchaser at the sale takes the property subject to, the valuation of the property by the County Assessor as real or personal property, affixture of any mobile or manufactured home to the land, deactivation of title to a mobile or manufactured home on the property, if any, environmental contamination on the property, if any, and zoning violations concerning the property, if any.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the purchaser at such sale shall take title to the above described real property subject to right(s) of redemption, as set forth in the Judgment herein.

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

Dated: November 16, 2009.

Peter Baca
Special Master
306 C Avenue
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(575) 648-9925

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is hereby accepting nominations for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board for two (2) members to serve on the Board. The prospective member(s) shall be a property owner in the Lincoln Historic District and must be domiciled and registered to vote within the County of Lincoln.

Nominations shall be made in writing to the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners for appointment to the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board. In making the appointment to the Board, the Commission shall give consideration to maintaining the balance of interests and skills of the Board, and to the individual qualifications of the candidates, including their interest, experience and knowledge in community and cultural traditions.

Nominations will be accepted by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners at the Lincoln County Courthouse, P.O. Box 711, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, until 8:00 A.M., December 9, 2009.

Billie-Jo Guevara
Administrative Assistant/
Human Resources

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"Have you really shown me everything you have in the shop?"
"Not quite, madam. We have an over-due account of yours on our books, if you would care to see it."

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

Parkinson Automotive will have a Lien Sale of said vehicle -- a 1976 Dodge D-700 vin . . . 1147 Dump Truck for the sum of \$2,500.00 on December 5th at 9:00 a.m. at 26371 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Parkinson Automotive will have a Mechanics Lien Sale of said vehicle, a 1986 Volvo 240 Sedan, 4-dr, vin . . . 0644 car for the sum of \$950.00 on December 5th at 9:00 a.m. at 26371 Hwy. 70, Ruidoso Downs.

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUCION DE ELECCION TOWN OF CARRIZOZO RESOLUCION NO. 2009-18

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico que:

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion d oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 2 de marzo de 2010. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre la horas de las 7:00A.M. y las 7:00P.M.

B. En la eleccion municipal regular, individuos sera elegido para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

1. Un Alcalde por un termino de cuatro anos.
2. Un Fiduciarios por un termino de cuatro anos.
3. Un Fiduciarios por un termino de cuatro anos.

C. Los recintos 2A y 13 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.

D. Las siguientes localidades son designadas como locales para votar para llevar a cabo la eleccion municipal regular:

Los voantes en los Recintos Consolidados 2A y 1 voaran en Pueblo de Carrizozo, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo Nuevo Mexico.

E. Votacio en Ausencia. Cada votante calificado de l Municipio de Carrizozo obtendra una solicitud para obtene una balota para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de l Municipalidad debe aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtene er una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00P.M. e 26 de febrero de 2010. A partir de las 5:00P.M. el 26 d febrero de 2010, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publica mente destruira todas las balotas no utilizadas. La Escriban de la Municipalidad aceptara las balotas completadas por e votante que emite su balota, conel fin de votar en ausencia que se le entregue por correo o en persona o por un miembro de la familia inmediata de la votante, hasta las 7:00P.M. el de marzo, 2010.

Las balotas para votar en ausencia se pueden marca en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad durante las horas y dias habiles, empezando el martes, 26 d enero de 2010 y terminando a las 5:00P.M. el viernes, 26 d febrero de 2010.

Votacion por Anticipado. El recuento de los voto por anticipado, de papeleta, se llevara a cabo por un tabulador electronico M100 en la oficina de la Escribana de l Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezand el miercoles, 10 de febrero de 2010 y terminando a la 5:00P.M. El Viernes, 26 de febrero de 2010.

F. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en l eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con l Escribana del condado de Lincoln a mas tardar el martes, de febrero de 2010 a las 5:00P.M., la fecha en que l Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

G. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatur con la Escribana Municipal el Martes, 5 de enero de 201 entre las horas de las 8:00A.M. y las 5:00P.M.

H. Se hara un record de los votos de los electore municipales calificado en papeletas de las cuales se hara u recuento por tabuladores electronicos M100 para votar.

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 9 de Noviembre d 2009.

Alcalde

Da fe:

Escribana Municipal

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Mr. White: Will you lend us your radio tonight?
Mr. Jones: With Pleasure; are you going to have a party?
Mr. White: No, we just want to get some sleep.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID BID NUMBER 09-01

The Town of Carrizozo Board of Trustees will receive sealed bids for the installation of an HVAC system in each fire station in conjunction with HVAC electrical upgrade requirements. Bids must be submitted to the Office of the Town Clerk, P.O. Box 247, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, telephone number (505)648-2371, no later than 3:00PM on Friday, December 11, 2009 at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Bids must be clearly marked 09-01 HVAC System for 2 Fire Stations. The successful bid will be awarded by the Board of Trustees at their regular meeting at 6:00PM, Monday, December 14, 2009, in the Council Chambers, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, New Mexico. Bid specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Town Clerk. The Board of Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all proposals, and in the case of ambiguity or lack of clearness, to determine the best bid or to reject the same. Specifications will be allowed by fax. Questions regarding this bid should be directed to Leann Weibrecht, Town Clerk/Treasurer, at (505)648-2371.

Leann Weibrecht, CMC
Town Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Carrizozo

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Looking Back . . .

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SPANISH VOCABULARY

From these Mexican vaqueros, Scottish and English frontiersmen drifting into what is now Texas learned their trade and forged a cattle kingdom. Their animals, their tools, even their words were Mexican: mustang, sombrero, poncho, corral, bronco, adobe, vigilante, vamo'se, stampede.

But no market existed for Texas cattle. All possible selling points were too far away. Herds grew larger still. Then came the California gold rush and the crossing of the continent. The railroads followed.

At the Civil War's end the "Iron Trail" reached west into Kansas, and Texas herds began moving north to meet it. Over the Red River, amid clouds of dust and the whoops of hard-driving saddle-bred cowhands, longhorns streamed by the millions -- gaunt, bawling, wild-eyed beef on the hoof.

They surged into Abilene, Ellsworth, Newton, Wichita, and Dodge City. Other herds moved on north, following the Long Trail to Wyoming's lush grass, Montana, and Alberta. They went west to New Mexico, Arizona, and even Nevada. They took a new Texas-style life with them.

The cowboy rode into national hero-worship on the Chisholm Trail only 90 years ago. Yet he is four centuries old on this continent. His longhorn now is almost an extinct breed. White-faced Herefords, glossy black Angus, Shorthorns -- the tamer, meat-solid breeds -- have taken over the range. The cowboy is tamer too, and easier to fatten.

JUST FOR FUN

Code letter from a college student:

"Dear Dad: Gue\$\$ what I need mo\$t of. That's right. Send it along. Be\$t wi\$he\$. Your Son Ru\$\$."

The Dad answered:

"Dear Russ: I am glad to kNOW that you are NOT doing badly in college. NOTHING pleases me more. Write aNOther letter soon. As I have NO news I must close NOW.

Teacher: What inspired the old-time pioneers to set forth in covered wagons.

Little Johnny: Maybe they just didn't want to wait about thirty years for the train to be discovered.

G. Riley and C. Torres Join Membership of American Angus Assn.

G Riley and C Torres of Capitan are new members of the American Angus Association®, reports Bryce Schumann, CEO of the national breed registry organization in Saint Joseph, Missouri.

The American Angus Association, with nearly 31,000 active adult and junior members, is the largest beef cattle registry Association in the world. Its computerized records include detailed information on more than 16 million registered Angus.

The Association records ancestral information and keeps production records on individual animals for its members. These permanent records help members select and mate the best animals in their herds to produce high quality, efficient breeding cattle which are then recorded with the American Angus Association. Most of these registered Angus are used by the U.S. farmers and ranchers who raise high quality beef for U.S. consumption.

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ENCHILADA DINNER

11:30 am to 1:30 pm
\$6.50
2tc/11/25-12/3

FOR RENT -- 4 offices in Carrizozo with meeting space, kitchenette and bathroom. Up one flight of stairs, next to Gallery 408; available July 1st. \$325.00 utilities included.

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tfn/6/18

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Weather Report . . .

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45, night: A slight chance of snow showers, with a low around 23.

The above information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.

number for up to the hour road constructions/ conditions information. Just dial 511, listen to the options and follow the directions.

You can also get up to the minute, in-depth, construction updates by logging in to www.nmroads.com for any area of the state.

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Greentree Solid Waste Authority is accepting applications for an Accounts Receivable II position formerly listed as Billing Clerk II, Valid New Mexico Driver's license required. Positions will be filled as needed. You may pick up applications and job descriptions at 222 Second Street, Ruidoso, Downs, NM or call (575) 378-4697. Applications deadline will be Friday, December 4, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.

2tc/11/25-12/3

Sheriff's Report . . .

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Buck Horn Loop in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
6:18 p.m. Medical call at mile marker 300 on Hwy ik70 in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.
10:11 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Enchanted Forest Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.
10:38 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Nogal Canyon Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

November 19

10:13 a.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.
10:55 a.m. Medical call at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
11:27 a.m. Burglary reported at location in Nogal Canyon in Nogal, deputy dispatched.
11:39 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Second Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
12:38 p.m. Accident reported on Bonito Lake Road in Bonito, deputy dispatched.
2:45 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 267 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, Glencoe/Palo Verde emergency units and deputy dispatched.
2:52 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Mink in Alto, deputy dispatched.
2:56 p.m. Report of phone threats at residence on Grandview in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
3:47 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
4:59 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Reynolds Circle in Palo Verde, deputy dispatched.
5:44 p.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
5:56 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Alto Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
8:21 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

November 20

10:24 a.m. Medical call at residence on Biscuit Hill in Ruidoso Downs, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.
12:07 p.m. Medical call at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
1:28 p.m. Burglary reported at location on Long Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
1:47 p.m. Fire reported at location on Arabella Hwy in Arabella, Hondo fire units, Arabella fire units and deputy dispatched.
3:57 p.m. Larceny/theft of Street sign on Main Street in Corona, deputy dispatched.
4:00 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
6:50 p.m. Police presence/stand-by requested for a child custody dispute at location on Steele in Corona, deputy dispatched.
9:33 p.m. Disturbance reported at residence on B Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

9:50 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at business located at intersection of Hwy 54 and Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.

11:20 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Dry Eagle Lakes Road in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

November 21

2:06 a.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, ALS ambulance deputy dispatched.
4:56 a.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
8:36 a.m. Burglary reported at residence on Sun Valley in Alto, deputy dispatched.
9:38 a.m. Fire reported at location in Nogal Canyon in Nogal, Nogal fire units and deputy dispatched.
10:05 a.m. Agency assistance requested at residence on Laguna in Alto, deputy dispatched.
10:40 a.m. Vandalism reported at location on 12th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
11:53 a.m. Police presence/stand-by requested at location on East Corona Motel Street in Corona, deputy dispatched.
12:34 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, Bonito emergency units, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
2:08 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Lodge Road in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.
2:55 p.m. Fire reported at Sierra Blanca Airport, Bonito fire units dispatched.
4:40 p.m. Child custody dispute reported at LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
4:47 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Fifth Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
5:06 p.m. Warrant service at intersection of Hwy 48 and Tiger Drive in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
5:36 p.m. Warrant service at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.
8:51 p.m. Medical call at residence on 12th Street in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.
10:42 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 126 on Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

November 22

4:03 a.m. Medical call at location on Angus Hill on Hwy 48, Bonito emergency units and ALS ambulance dispatched.
4:22 a.m. Medical call at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.
8:10 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.
9:24 a.m. Medical call at residence on Little Creek Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
10:46 a.m. Death notification at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
5:59 p.m. Suspicious activity reported in parking lot of LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.

Have a great weekend!!