

Lack of State Contract Stalls Software Payments

by Patrice Brazie

Lincoln County Clerk Tammie Maddox, along with county clerks across the state, are withholding payment of invoices received from the firm Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for maintenance of the software used by counties in management of voter registrations.

According to a letter written by Maddox to county manager Tom Stewart on November 9th, some confusion exists among county clerks in the state as to who is responsible for the cost of the

software service and whether or not the ES&S invoices should be paid.

Maddox reported that the county received an invoice for \$5,250 from ES&S on October 13th, and three additional invoices 13 days later on October 26th. The October 26th invoices were for billing periods of March 5, 2008 to March 4, 2009, March 5, 2009 to June 30, 2009 and for the billing period from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010. The four invoices total more than \$16,700, but Maddox said that the county has already paid ES&S \$4,500 for the March, 2008 to

March, 2009 billing period.

In her letter to Stewart, Maddox wrote that county clerks have been notified that the Secretary of State (SOS) does not have a signed, statewide contract with ES&S for the Voter Registration Election Management Software (VREMS) used by the county clerk's office.

"Apparently the contract expired January 6th, 2008, and the Secretary of State has been in negotiations with ES&S since that time," Maddox wrote.

Despite a letter from the Deputy

Secretary of State, Don Francisco Trujillo II, recommending that the county pay the ES&S invoices as they are received, Maddox has recommended that the county commissioners withhold payments on the grounds that the payments have no legal authorization without a signed contract between the state and the software provider.

"In past years, Lincoln County had a contract with TRIADIC directly for the license and maintenance of the voter registration software," Maddox wrote.

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WET SNOW fell over the last few days this week frosting everything in its path with a coating of the frozen white stuff. Forecasts call for a slight warming trend over the coming days. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Improvements Continue in National Forest

by Patrice Brazie

Lincoln National Forest Smokey Bear District Ranger Buck Sanchez appeared before the county's board of commissioners on November 17th, during its regular meeting, to update the commissioners on forest projects and programs in the area.

Sanchez's presentation came just after a discussion of alternative energy resources in the county, and he said that the Forest Service stands in support of efforts to bring clean, renewable energy to Lincoln County and the southwest regions of the United States.

"As we're sort of the majority landowners in the county, the Lincoln National Forest, we certainly have a role in energy and the environment and economic issues that affect the county," Sanchez said. "You should expect the Forest Service to work with you at this level to bring programs and projects that are well integrated with what you'd like to do as you go forward with that sort of thing."

Sanchez touched on two projects planned in the Bonito Lake area, the Bonito Forest Restoration Project and the Bonito Recreation Corridor Project, which he said would be among his priorities for the upcoming year. The environmental assessment for the first Bonito project is scheduled for completion in time to hold a public comment hearing sometime in January, 2010.

Sanchez said the State of New Mexico, Lincoln County, the City of Alamogordo and the

Department of Defense have all been involved in the project's development and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) processes associated with the project.

"That is a project to do thinning, logging, watershed and fuels reduction treatments in the Bonito watershed," Sanchez said. "We're looking at about 16,000 acres of the 28,000-acre watershed. I'm hoping to make a decision on that project sometime in 2010, and implementation would

probably start the following year."

The Smokey Bear District plans to initiate the NEPA process for the Bonito Recreation Corridor project sometime in 2010 as well, Sanchez reported. He recommended that the Lincoln County officials work with representatives of Alamogordo and the Forest Service in collaboration about how to best manage recreation on national forest and municipally owned lands in the Bonito Canyon Corridor area. He said that he is working on a comprehensive

recreation analysis of the Bonito area.

"We've worked off and on over the years with the City of Alamogordo; they own close to 2,000 acres there where the lake and campgrounds are," he said. "We recently prepared an assessment that looks at some of the opportunities in the national forest, and would like to invite the county to be involved in the collaboration, because there are issues at the county level around recreation, around law enforcement and those kinds of things that I think

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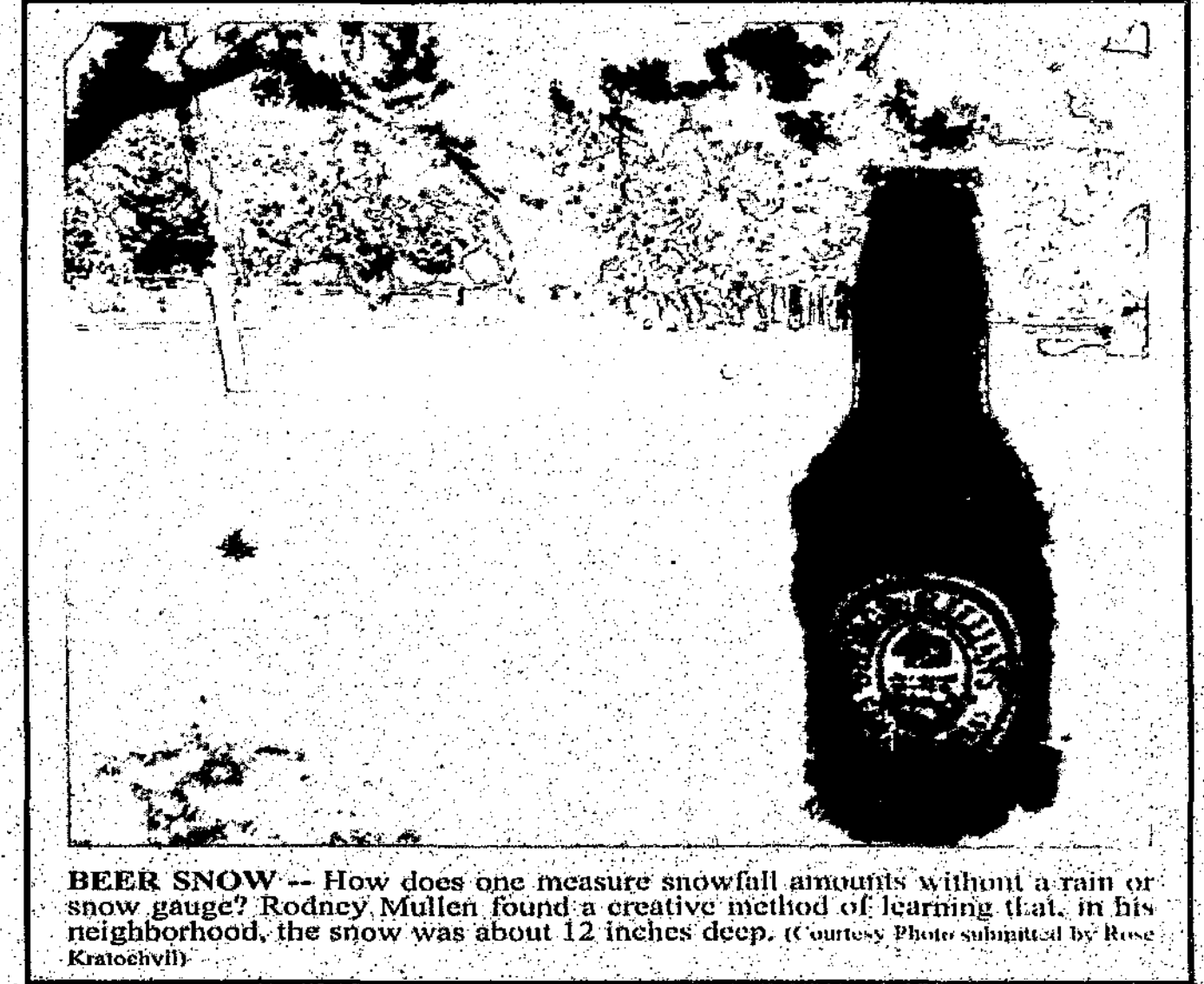
Ruidoso Chamber Takes Action to Keep Track

The Ruidoso Valley Chamber of Commerce (RVCC) board of directors issued the following press release that it is taking a course of action and is developing strategies in response to the announcement that the Ruidoso Downs Race Track and Casino (RDRT&C) filed an application to move its operations to Las Cruces.

In preparation for the upcoming New Mexico Legislative hearings and NM Racing Commission meetings, the RVCC board of directors voted unanimously to take the following immediate actions to "Keep Ruidoso On-Track."

1. Publicly and steadfastly oppose the proposed move of the track to another community
2. Advocate keeping the historic All American Futurity, and Ruidoso Downs Race Track in the City of Ruidoso Downs
3. Vigorously support ongoing initiatives of RDRT&C to seek legislative approval of a gaming tax parity bill
4. Join forces with elected officials from Ruidoso Downs, Village of Ruidoso, and Lincoln County, Ruidoso Lodgers Tax Committee, Ruidoso Valley Economic Development Corporation, and local and regional businesses to inform and communicate the importance of this industry in our local economy

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BEER SNOW -- How does one measure snowfall amounts without a rain or snow gauge? Rodney Mullen found a creative method of learning that, in his neighborhood, the snow was about 12 inches deep. (Courtesy Photo submitted by Rose Kratochvil)

Carrizozo Health Clinic to Host H1N1 Flu Shot Clinic at Two Schools

Carrizozo Health Center will conduct an H1N1 flu shot clinic on Tuesday, December 15. The clinic will be inside the multipurpose room at the Carrizozo Schools campus.

Bonnie Borland, RN with Carrizozo Schools and Cindy Najar, RN with the Carrizozo Health Center will conduct the shot clinic.

"We recently received a shipment of H1N1 vaccine. We're making a

concerted effort to protect patients with chronic conditions as well as school aged children in the communities we serve," said Terry Richl, LCMC Practice Administrator.

Permission and informational H1N1 sheets will be sent home prior to the shot clinic for parents and guardians so that they can educate themselves.

An H1N1 flu shot clinic is being considered for Corona Schools

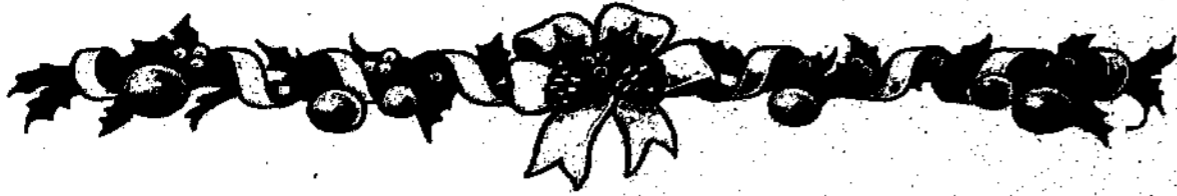
on Wednesday, December 16. Parents and guardians of Corona school aged children should contact Najar at (575) 648-2317 for final details.

For more information, please call Carrizozo Health Center at (575) 648-2317 or Carrizozo School Nurse at (575) 648-2346.

Lincoln County Medical Center is a county-owned facility leased by Presbyterian Healthcare Services. This

partnership has existed since 1972 and is dedicated to improving the health of individuals, families and communities.

Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian Healthcare Services operates a hospital, six clinics and a countywide ambulance service. Lincoln County Medical Center employs more than 250 people, including more than 15 providers throughout Lincoln County.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS
Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m.
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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 meet-
ing 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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10
--Last day to pay property taxes to
avoid penalty and interest.
--Meet new provider Marilyn
Nishitani, DNP-BC at Rose Clinic in
Capitan 3-5 p.m. refreshments will be
served. Nishitani joined Rose Clinic on

December 7 and will provide primary
and family medical care.
--Carrizozo Woman's Club 6:00
p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12
--Volunteers needed to help fill lumi-
naria 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 morn-
ing 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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14
--Carrizozo Town Council 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15
--Lincoln County Commissioners
8:30 a.m. Lincoln County Courthouse
in Carrizozo.

--Carrizozo Planning and Zoning
Commission 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17
--Alto Lakes Water & Sanitation
District board meeting 9:00 a.m. at Alto
Lakes Golf and Country Club.
--Lincoln Historic Preservation Board
7:00 p.m. at Community church in
Lincoln.

Lack of State Contract . . .

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"The Secretary of State was required through the Help America Vote Act to provide a statewide voter registration system accessible by the county clerks, therefore we are no longer utilizing TRIADIC for this service. It is now under control of the Secretary of State."

According to Maddox, the position of the New Mexico Clerks Affiliate is that the ES&S invoices should not be paid because of the lack of an executed

contract. "The affiliate further believes that it is the responsibility of the SOS to provide the statewide voter file and make it accessible to the county clerks, pursuant to 1-5-3.B NMSA," she wrote. "Article 5 of the statutes refers to the SOS's responsibility to provide to each county clerk the computer software necessary for the use and maintenance of the statewide computerized voter registration system."

Ruidoso Chamber Takes Action . . .

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5. Secure the services of a professional lobbyist who will work on behalf of the chamber's membership and community to secure the support of the NM Legislature to keep the track in Lincoln County

6. To organize and coordinate local grassroots efforts to mobilize residents who will energetically support initiatives to keep the Race Track at its present location

"While the above actions do not represent the entirety of our strategy, the economic threat to our local economy is real and calls for more than one

course of action" commented Cynthia West, RVCC board president. "With a conservative estimated economic impact of \$30 million per year the Race Track is vital to the region. Beyond that, it is part of our history and heritage, and is an institution that has been woven into the fabric of area families for generations. The Ruidoso Downs Race Track is part of who we are, and speaking for the Board, we want to ensure that the Track is part of our future."

The RVCC board will keep chamber members and area residents informed and will be requesting community wide support during the legislative session. The annual Ruidoso Day in Santa Fe is scheduled for February 3rd. Registration for this most important event is now open.

The RVCC office and Visitor Center is locat-

ed at 720 Sudderth. Information about Ruidoso Day, area businesses, attractions and events can be found on the web at www.ruidosonow.com. The RVCC mission is to foster development, growth and prosperity and to be the advocate of the business community, using local resources and expertise to maintain the best possible business climate for its members. Call 575-257-7395 for more information.



OBITUARY

EMMA ROMERO

Funeral mass for Emma Romero, 90, of Capitan was Dec. 7 in San Juan Church in Lincoln with burial following at the Lincoln Cemetery.

Ms. Romero died December 1 at Capitan. She was born December 29, 1918 at Lincoln and had lived in Lincoln County all of her life. She had worked at Fort Stanton Hospital for over 20 years and retired as an attendant.

Survivors include her children, Theresa Gavi, Emma Jean Herrera, Pauline Zamora, Frances Chavez, Michael Romero and Mary Page; 13 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

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HARVEY WAYNE PAYTON

Harvey Wayne Payton, age 74 of Devine, Texas died December 7. He had previously lived in Lincoln County and had worked at the Fort Stanton Hospital and Training School.

He is preceded in death by his father James Payton. He is survived by his wife Betty Payton of

Devine; mother Thelma Payton of Devine; sons: Bruce Payton of Florida, Troy Payton of San Antonio, Steven Payton of Devine, Alan Payton of San Antonio; daughter Sherry Payton of New Mexico; brother James Payton of Devine; sisters: Emma Lee Davidson of San Antonio, Viola Pittman of Natalia, Elizabeth Caraway of

Devine, Minelva Payton; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be held today, December 10 at the Hurley Funeral Home in Devine from 2 p.m. until 9 p.m. Services will conclude at the Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hurley Funeral Home, Devine, Texas.

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Carrizozo Grizzly Basketball Schedule

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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	V/B/G
Dec. 3	4:00 pm	Away	Mid 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. 12	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
Jan. 19	4:00 pm	Ruidoso/Home	JV/V B
Jan. 22	4:00 pm	Magdalena/Away	Mid B/G
Jan. 23	3:00 pm	Magdalena/Away	Mid B/G
Jan. 23	1:00 pm	Cloudcroft/Away	JV/V B/G
Jan. 26	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. 11	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/VB/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	V B/G
Mar. 9-13	TBA	State Tournament	V B/G
		State Tournament	V B/G

*District Games.

Storms, High Winds Cause Local Damage

by Patrice Brazie

A series of storms has rolled across Lincoln County and much of the west since the week of Thanksgiving, dropping several inches of snow, lowering temperatures into the teens and single digits at night and, most recently, bringing gale-force winds to parts of the county.

Margaret LaBelle, deputy clerk at the Carrizozo city hall, reported on Wednesday that a frozen water line caused problems there earlier this week. LaBelle said that town clerk Leanne

Welhbrecht discovered water running outside of the building on Sunday and called for crews to assess the situation.

A copper line that fed water to a refrigerator in the city hall was discovered to have ruptured, leaking water in the kitchen and other parts of the facility, LaBelle said. Crews were called in to clean up the water-soaked carpet and repair the broken water line.

High winds on Tuesday downed trees in Spencer Park in Carrizozo, and lifted at least two carport roofs from their bases. Peter Aguilar, co-publisher of The News, reported that roofing from a carport on his property was lifted off the port and deposited onto a fence, which was also damaged.

LaBelle said that the carport at Frank and Korene Walker's home was also damaged when winds lifted the roof off of their carport. Volunteers from the Carrizozo Fire Department assisted the Walkers in stabilizing the roof so that it would not cause further damage to any additional property or structures, LaBelle said.

Carrizozo City Hall has received several

calls from residents reporting that their solid waste polycarts have gone missing and some dog-houses have been blown over. LaBelle said that she advised callers on Tuesday to wait until Wednesday

when the winds had died down to start hunting for the missing polycarts.

Downed trees have caused some serious problems in the Cloudcroft area, with an estimated 5,000 people going with-

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OBITUARY

KENNETH G. SHOCKEY

Kenneth G. Shockey died December 3. Ken was born on August 13, 1926 in Oklahoma City, OK. He served in the Pacific Theater in the Navy during WWII. After leaving the military, he attended college at New Mexico State University. He was a member of the New Mexico State Police from 1953-1980. He had various stations throughout this time, including serving as a driver and body guard for Governor John Simms. His remaining seven years were spent as a Lieutenant / District Supervisor in Otero and Lincoln County.

After retiring in 1980, Ken became Chief of Security for Ruidoso-Sunland Race Tracks. Ken was a member of the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau. He was a life member of the fraternal order of Elks and was Exalted Ruler of the Ruidoso Elks Lodge #2086 in 2005-06.

He married Eleanor McClendon on November 11, 1978. He inherited two daughters at that time, Linda Mallett and Bonnie McClendon.

Ken is survived by his wife of 31 years, Eleanor, two daughters, Linda (Steve) Mallett of Tempe, AZ and Bonnie (Craig) Bowden of Chandler, AZ.; seven grandchildren; brother Jim and wife, Ouita of Alamogordo; sister Aurelia and brother in law, Ted of Richmond, VA; sister Beverly (Don-deceased) McElroy, and eight great grandchildren.

A celebration of Ken's life will be held in January.

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...

Friday, July 29, 1955

The Folklore Corner

by TED RAYNOR

Navajo Jake and the Bear

Navajo Jake used to live along the bank of the San Juan River at Farmington. He was one of the persons who helped Farmington grow up by working on construction jobs. During the last few months of his life one of Navajo Jake's chief interests was a big brown bear in a cage at Woods Dance Hall about two miles east of town.

John Arrington Sr., Farmington old-timer, first took Jake to see the bear, and after that the Navajo visited and talked with the captive animal two or three times a week until his death around 1933.

Navajos claim they can talk with bears, Arrington says, and from the caged bear's actions it certainly seemed that the animal understood Navajo Jake. At times the bear appeared to be crying.

When Jake came to visit his friend the bear, the animal would walk up to the edge of his cage and sit down. In Navajo, Jake would tell the bear how sorry he was that he was in captivity, for he knew that bears, like the Navajos, loved their freedom. Jake regretfully said he could not free the bear because the Americans would kill him or lock him up if he opened the cage door so that his friend could escape.

As Jake expressed his sorrow in Navajo to the attentive bear, the animal would nod or shake his head, look sad or wipe his eyes as though he were crying. Sometimes the bear made a noise that sounded like "hmmm" indicating that Jake's words should be thought over carefully.

The Baby-Stealing Panther

Many years ago, when he was a small child in Hayes County, in the eastern part of Texas, S.L. Renick of Truth or Consequences heard the story of the baby-stealing panther.

This is the story as Renick remembers it: A ranchwoman returned to her house and found her baby gone. An alarm was spread, and a man brought his dogs to the house. The dogs picked up a pant her's trail and followed it for two or three miles until they came to a pile of leavers. The owner of the dogs and the other men with him found the child asleep in the leaves in which the panther had hidden the infant.

The men took the baby out of the pile of leaves and secreted themselves nearby. About sundown a panther approached the pile of leavers. The panther "hollered," and another answered and soon joined the first lion. The two panthers literally flew into the pile of leaves. From their hiding places the men shot the panthers.

Corona Cardinals News

The Corona Cardinals basketball teams put on a spectacular performance for their community on Thursday, November 12th.

The Varsity Boys and Girls wanted to give a little back to their community and show everyone that they are proud to be called Cardinals.

They served their supporters a free mouth-watering lasagna dinner. After the meal, everyone gathered in the gymnasium for the nights' activities.

Ricky Huey provided the music and lights for the evening. The pee-wee Cheerleaders, coached by

Debra Hudson, raised the United States flag and Laken Montell performed the National Anthem. Coaches (Varsity Girls) Nicky Huey and (Varsity Boys) Ronnie Dunsworth led their teams in a series of drills that consisted of free throws, 3 on 2 drill and 3 point shots. Both teams showed their talent as they ripped and roared on the court. We all are looking forward to seeing everyone at their games.

The Cardinals, Lady Cardinals, Coaches and Volunteers would like to express their gratitude for all those who attended and those that continue to give their support.

by V. Montell

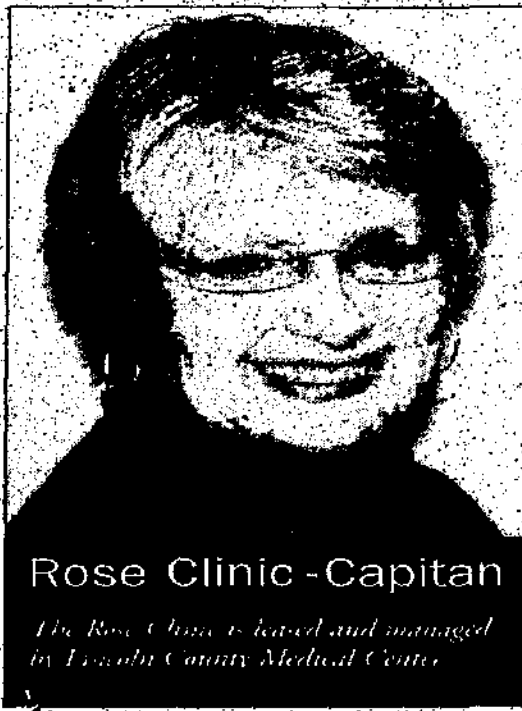
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Lincoln County Medical Center welcomes Marilyn Nishitani, DNP-BC, to our growing family of providers. Prior to joining the Rose Clinic in Capitan, Ms. Nishitani worked in Lincoln County for more than 10 years as a family nurse practitioner for the Immediate Care Clinic, Family Practice Associates and Ruidoso Family Medical Group. She has also been the medical director for Camp Sierra Blanca and the Lincoln County Detention Center. She is now accepting new and existing patients at the Rose Clinic in Capitan.

Ms. Nishitani has worked in health care since 1965 and brings a wealth of experience as a family nurse practitioner. She received her Bachelor of Science nursing degree from the University of Washington in Tacoma and her Master's of Science nursing degree and a nurse practitioner certificate from West Texas A & M University at Canyon, Texas. Ms. Nishitani received her Doctor of Nursing Practice from the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professionals in Provo, Utah.

To schedule an appointment at the Rose Clinic, please call (575) 354-0057. The Rose Clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

Battles Over REAL ID Continue

By Ruth Hammond

The battles about REAL ID and reasons for and against it are heating up. The interesting thing is that much of the rhetoric is the same on both sides.

Regarding the issue, one side states that the state is foolish to allow everyone to get a drivers license, including illegal aliens. That side asks why the state can't follow the rest of the country and issue licenses to legal citizens. Apparently that side is not aware that 36 states aren't participating in REAL ID.

It seems that some of those disagreeing are not keeping up with what is happening nationally. It also seems that both sides object to anyone needing a passport to cross state lines. However, that appears to be what will happen in the next three weeks or so.

Before you fire off a heated letter, stop and find out what the issue is. One side mentions Russia requiring papers to cross state borders but neither side seems aware that carrying papers to travel from place to place was in effect in WW II, a long time ago.

Unless they have lived in a secluded place, these people should have had access to information about WW II and the havoc and how people had to sneak out of countries and request asylum for safety.

Listening to some of the gripes, it gives the impression these people consider themselves above the law, not that they should become involved. It is this type thinking that keeps awful things happening.

And many complaints have nothing to do with the issues that should have been addressed long ago when Congress was considering the REAL ID. Now the complainers want to know why there isn't a viable license at a reasonable cost for everyone available.

The entire situation will get worse before it gets better. There may be an extension for meeting the deadline of December 31, 2009, but that only prolongs the situation. And in actuality the REAL ID act can be enacted at any time with no warning at all.

Instead of trying to get a passport at a high cost just to be able to visit family in another state, it might be best for people to contact US Senators and Congress members and ask for a reprieve. Keeping the nation safe is one thing, but it should be sensible.

On the other side, consider whether REAL ID is in conflict with state rights and whether Congress should reconsider the entire thing. Ask them about it.

Not everyone disagrees because one person with a valid drivers license went to another state and got a REAL ID and is legal to travel where he wants.

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Consideration will be given to letters of any length, but those of 300 words or less are preferred. All letters are subject to editing for length, grammar, spelling and reader interest.

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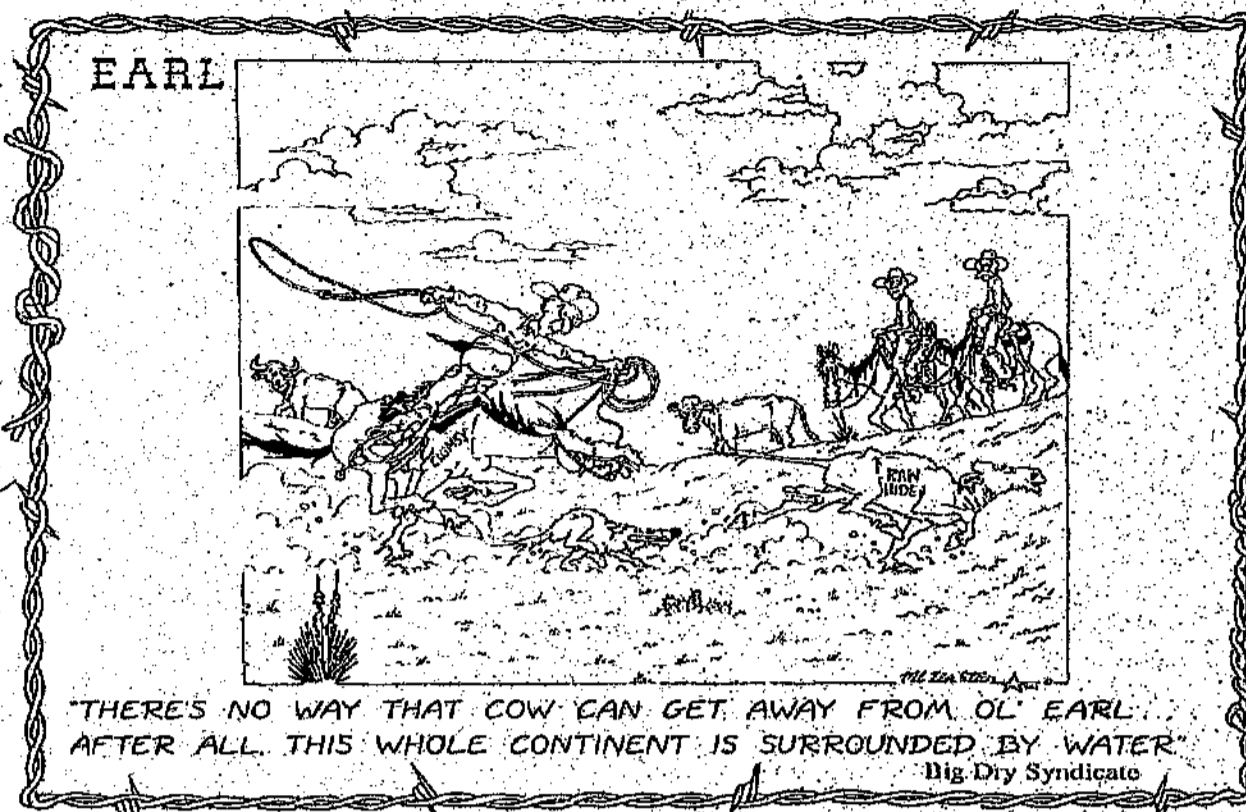
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Editorials/Opinion & Other Stuff



*** Inside the Capitol**

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Herewith are some random thoughts that crossed my mind while floating on the Amazon recently.

When the University of New Mexico hired football coach Mike Locksley, it obviously wanted to hit the big time with more wins and national recognition it never has received.

That recognition came quickly with a botched investigation of a charge that Locksley had hit an assistant coach. ESPN quickly was all over it.

The lesson here is that internal investigations don't work. "We've investigated ourselves and found no problems," is something the public just isn't willing to accept any longer.

UNM isn't the only culprit. The military does it and so do police departments. Over the years, I have talked with local police in several communities who say they dread being assigned to internal investigation units because they know they are supposed to protect their buddies even if they know they're guilty as sin.

New Mexico has had its problems with disciplining guilty police. The Law Enforcement Academy Board can take action against local law enforcement officers who are reported by local police chiefs or sheriffs.

The problem is that almost no reports are made. The LEA Board also is empowered to hear citizen complaints but has not done so because it does not have the time or staff.

At times the board has even claimed it doesn't have the authority to deal with problem officers. Complaints by courageous citizens such as Paul Borunda of Las Cruces have forced Attorney General Gary King to issue a letter acknowledging the LEA Board has that authority.

Last month, Sen. Tim Eichenberg pulled out of Democratic lieutenant governor race. His departure was a surprise because money wouldn't have been a problem for him and he was the only non-Hispanic in the race.

Eichenberg told one source that he didn't want to make the investment because he didn't think current Lt. Gov. Diane Denish could win the gubernatorial race.

When the com-

ment became public, Eichenberg softened his words but it caused people to wonder if maybe Denish's campaign had applied some pressure on Eichenberg because he wasn't the right balance for the ticket.

How can Americans put any credence in the frequent scoldings by former Vice President Dick Cheney in which he constantly admonishes questioners to "remember?"

"You must remember" prefaces a large number of his arguments to justify actions of his administration. But his great memory completely failed him when called to the witness stand to explain how it was revealed that Valerie Plame was a CIA spy.

The revelation

ended Plame's career. She and her husband, former Ambassador Joe Wilson, and their children are now New Mexico residents.

Plame's outing came just days after her husband revealed in the New York Times that he had not found the evidence President George Bush wanted of Iraq trying to buy uranium from Niger.

To paraphrase Mark Twain, reports of the New Mexico GOP's death have been greatly exaggerated. When our state turned blue again last year, the New Mexico Republican Party was said by many to be in shambles.

Fundamentally that was wishful thinking. True, New Mexico's Republican majority in Congress suddenly

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Letter to the Editor

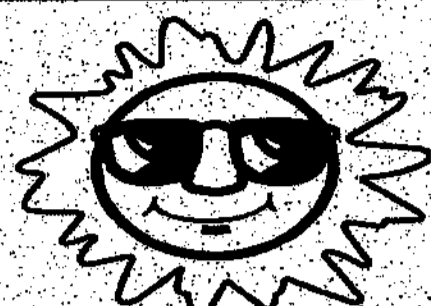
The residents of Lincoln County have just lost a devoted servant, not a paid employee but someone who took it upon himself to be the watchdog of all of our rights and interests. Jerry Carroll could be inflammatory at best when he wanted to be, but he was also very well read and educated and made every effort to hold the County and State Officials accountable for their actions. To his credit he devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to assure that our rights were protected and that the decisions that were made were done in our best interest.

For me Jerry was a mentor and a friend and I admired his devotion to the things that he believed in, it is a rare quality in people these days. I didn't always agree with him but all the same I followed his lead when it came to getting involved in local issues, in particular those in my area of expertise. He coached me as an individual and later as a Committee Chair to take the time out of my personal life to contribute to the greater good of my neighbors and friends. It was he who encouraged me and many others to attend meetings as well as to join the Committees who assist our County Officials in their decision making. This proved to be a far greater effort than I would have anticipated, taking the time off of work to attend meetings, the energy to discuss and educate myself to the current issues, let alone the leadership efforts required when chairing a Committee. Jerry was unselfish in this regard and threw himself into many issues and battles when necessary.

The first time I met Jerry was in the mid 1990s when he shared his political viewpoints with my self and a friend. Over the years as I became a municipal employee and started attending County meetings we became friends. To my knowledge I cannot recall attending any County Meeting in all these years that Jerry wasn't present, camera in hand and ready to voice his thoughts. He is the only person that I know who was that consistent, the local news people running a close second, but changing over the years as well. We all owe him a big thank you for his effort and devotion, one that I am sorry he won't get to receive in person, though I am sure he will hear it from afar. He will certainly be missed by us all, if simply for the absence of his presence, but also as an ever present voice that will no longer be there to assure that we are all paying our best attention to the issue at hand. It will take all of us to make up for his absence!

Adios Jerry, Vaya con Dios!

CATHIE EISEN
Nogal, New Mexico



WEATHER REPORT

by JEFF HAMMOND

Wind gusts recorded up to 95 miles an hour were recorded in Lincoln County Tuesday afternoon, and very cold weather followed.

The forecast for the upcoming week is for mostly cloudy skies both day and nighttime. Daytime temperatures will be high 40s to low 50s at all elevations, and nighttime temperatures will be solidly in the 20s.

Ski Apache is currently operating 5 of 11 ski lifts, 20 of 55 trails are open for skiing and snowboarding. Currently there is approximately 15 inches of packed snow at the lower elevations and 24 inches of powder/packed powder at the higher elevations.

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

Thursday, Dec. 10,
14 shopping days until
Christmas

Mostly sunny, with a high near 50, southwest winds between 5 and 15 mph, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25, west winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday, December 11

Partly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Saturday, December 12

Partly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday, December 13

Partly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Monday, December 14

A slight chance of showers, partly cloudy, with a high near 48, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 20.

Tuesday, December 15

Mostly sunny, with a high near 51, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

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

Thursday, Dec. 10,
14 shopping days until
Christmas

Mostly sunny, with a high near 48, west wind between 10 and 15 mph, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28, west wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday, December 11

Partly sunny, with a high near 48, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Saturday, December 12

Partly sunny, with a high near 48, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 25.

Sunday, December 13

Partly sunny, with a high near 50, night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22.

Monday, December 14

A slight chance of showers, partly cloudy, with a high near 47, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

Tuesday, December 15

Mostly sunny, with a high near 48, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 21.

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DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, December 7

8:00 a.m. Grand Jury Orientation
All Hearings vacated & will be reset at a later date

Tuesday, December 8

10:00 a.m. Joel Baldeirrama v. Sarah Wall; DM-2009-141 (Child Visitation/Child Support/PP) Pro Se/Pro Se
11:00 a.m. Edelmira Caro v. Israel Mendoza; DM-2009-136 (Child Support) Mladek/Pro Se
1:15 p.m. Telephonic - Rita Chavez v. WWC; CV-2007-407 (Approval of Structure Settlement) Lilley/Buttram
2:00 p.m. James Bowen Estate; PB-2007-23 (Finalization of Estate) Gibson/Samerson/Brown
3:00 p.m. Tammie Ryneer v. Richard Ryneer; DM-2009-129 (Mtn/Mediation) Pro Se/Pro Se Darrell Brantley
10:00 a.m. DV-2009-87

Wednesday, December 9

8:30 a.m. Chris Salas v. James Salas; CV-2009-182 (Merits) McSwane/Wilson
1:15 p.m. CSEB V. Lawrence Chavez; DM-2008-13 (Merits) Aultman/Cook/Pro Se
Trailing - CSEB & Stevenson v. Cesar Gutierrez; (Judicial Inquiry) DM-2008-122
3:30 p.m. J & B Plumbing v. Visionary Builders; CV-2009-375 (Mtn/Set Aside Order) Mladek/Leonard
4:00 p.m. Juan Herrera; CR-1992-28 (Merits) Thompson/Mladek

Thursday, December 10

8:30 a.m. Richard Osborne v. James Wolter MD; CV-2009-108 (Mtn/Dismiss for failure to respond to Discovery) Pro Se /Franse
Criminal Day
9:00 a.m. FA/Initial
Marvin Tso; CR-2009-121
Johnny Flores; CR-2009-166
Cody McMurray; CR-2008-144
Robert Egans; CR-2008-10
Motions/Other
John Ortiz; CR-2008-108
Shane Carpenter; CR-2009-68
Angel Saenz; CR-2009-75 - CR-2009-86
Sentencing
Roger Stefani; CR-2009-84
1:30 p.m. Francisco Portillo; CR-1993-58 Writ
2:00 p.m. Adam Samora; CR-2007-13/34/40
Adjudicatory

Friday, December 11

In Ruidoso
8:00 a.m. Grand Jury Orientation
9:00 a.m. In the Matter of the Guardianship of; PQ-2009-13 and DM-2009-147 (Judicial Inquiry/Revocation of Kinship Guardianship) Schneider-Cook/Lindsey
1:15 p.m. Mary Chamberland v. Roxanna Chamberland; DM-2004-44 (Mtn/Compel) Beauvais/S-Cook

Juveniles

1:30 p.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
JR-2009-59 (FA)
Ismael B.; JR-2009-12/32
Tyler H.; JR-2009-46
Cash P.; JR-2009-22

Disposition

Jared S.; JR-2009-39

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 23

6:40 a.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 155 on Hwy 54 in Corona, deputy dispatched.
9:05 a.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 78 on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
9:38 a.m. Missing or lost person reported near intersection of Cedar Creek and Cross Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:14 a.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:16 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 16 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, fire units and deputy dispatched.

4:03 p.m. Disturbance reported on Nogal Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:41 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at Ski Apache, deputy dispatched.

November 24

1:27 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Hwy 70 in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

2:36 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:24 p.m. Shots fired reported at location on Alto Mesa in Alto, deputy dispatched.

10:36 p.m. Fire reported at location on Stacy Road in Bonito, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.

11:18 p.m. Missing or lost person reported at location on Ruth Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

November 25

5:26 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Snow Park Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:55 a.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, police dispatched.

9:36 a.m. Medical call at mile marker 300 on Hwy 70 in Riverside, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance, Hondo emergency units and deputy dispatched.

11:09 a.m. Medical call at residence on Aspen in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

12:11 p.m. Accident reported at location on Spring Canyon

Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

12:15 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 18 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

12:30 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Indian Divide Road in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

2:27 p.m. Information report at location on Enchanted Forest Loop in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:49 p.m. Welfare check requested at business location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

3:22 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 5 of Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

3:38 p.m. Trespassing reported at residence on Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:21 p.m. Dog reported running loose at mile marker 6 on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

6:35 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Buckhorn Loop in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

8:41 p.m. Medical call at residence on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:47 p.m. Medical call at residence on Little Creek Road in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.

November 26
1:40 a.m. Medical call at location on Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.

5:17 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Wild Rose in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

7:04 a.m. Dog reported running loose at mile marker 6 on Hwy 37 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

9:23 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Park Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.

12:40 p.m. Accident reported at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

2:17 p.m. Warrant service at location on Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:47 p.m. Medical call at location on Little Creek Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

November 27

1:59 a.m. Alarm reported at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

10:06 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on Jicarilla Road

in White Oaks, deputy dispatched.

12:37 p.m. Fire reported at location in San Patricio, Glencoe/Palo Verde fire units dispatched.

12:55 p.m. Accident reported at location on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, Lincoln emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

1:49 p.m. Medical call at residence on Road Runner in Nogal, ambulance dispatched.

2:24 p.m. Funeral escort requested at location on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

2:31 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 92 on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

3:41 p.m. Shots fired reported at location on Eagle Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:05 p.m. Larceny/theft reported at residence on West Second

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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 SOUTHERN 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.
Fellowship 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.
Fellowship Time . . . 10:15 p.m.
Adult Sunday School . . . 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice Tuesday . . . 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Dinner Third Sunday of Month
Handmaidens Ecumenical Woman'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.
Fellowship Dinner
(First Sunday of Month)
- GRACE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**
Corona, New Mexico
Terry Aiello, Pastor / 849-0105
Worship . . . 9:50 a.m.
- CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH**
Tony Scaccia, Minister 849-1402
Second Sunday of Each Month . . . 9:00 a.m.

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

"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"

A Unique Story

Friendships struck up among soldiers, especially in war time, are often unique. Reconnecting with old comrades in arms has a special meaning: old memories, good and bad, come crashing back as the years and decades melt away. That's what happened to Dan Scott of Carrizozo just before Thanksgiving.

A letter arrived from a man whose name he did not immediately recognize. But with it came a news clipping and a picture that Dan says "hit me right between the eyes." It was picture of Dan as a 19 year old Spec. 4 taken in Vietnam in 1967. Pictured with him was "Shadow," a handsome German shepherd.

Dan and Shadow were a "scout team" with the 25th Infantry Division. The 1967 news clipping noted that Dan and Shadow were an "inseparable pair."

The sender of the letter was Gary Burnside. Burnside had donated Shadow to the U.S. military and while Dan and Shadow were in Vietnam, had corresponded with Dan.

Burnside's letter explained to Dan that he had sought for a long time to reconnect with Dan and finally had made the connection through the "Vietnam Dog Handlers of America" of which Dan is a member.

The 1967 news clipping quoted one of Dan's last letters to Burnside: "I wish this letter didn't have to be written, but I know you'd want to be the first to know. Last night we got mortared. Shad was hit here in Dau Tiang when two enemy mortar rounds came through the roof of the kennel. When I got to him he was dead. This morning I buried him beneath the trees. I'm going to make a headstone and put a little white fence around his grave. I feel like part of me is gone."

Dan told Burnside about happier days. After Shad was killed, Dan said, he wrote a poem that recalled a better moment with Shad.

His unit had set up camp in a big field we were to use as an "LZ (landing zone)." "I took off his collar and let him run through the grass chasing butterflies, and always looking back to see if I was coming." Dan shared with Burnside the poem he wrote to memorialize Shadow:

"Somewhere boy there are fields of green, and bright skies of blue. And somewhere birds and flowers are beckoning to you. Come romp with us they seem to say, for finally you've been freed from a war you did not understand and a race you did not need. But as you take your final leave, I want you Shad to know, You'll never be alone boy, for my thoughts go where you go."

Submitted by
EDMUND McWILLIAMS

Sheriff's Report . . .

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Street in Capitan, police dispatched.
5:12 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Skyview in Capitan, police dispatched.
9:04 p.m. Traffic hazard reported at mile marker 84 on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.
10:08 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at High Country Lodge in Alto, deputy dispatched.
November 28
4:06 a.m. Medical

call at residence on Wrangler Road in Ruidoso Downs, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.
9:23 a.m. Medical call at residence on Wrangler Road in Palo Verde, ALS ambulance dispatched.
1:04 p.m. Funeral Escort requested in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.
2:54 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Perry Springs Lane in Glencoe,

deputy dispatched.
10:59 p.m. Accident reported at location on Paso Monte in Alto, deputy dispatched.
November 29
12:33 a.m. Accident reported at mile marker 269 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, ALS ambulance, Glencoe/Palo Verde emergency units and deputy dispatched.
12:46 a.m. 911 Hang-up from location on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
1:01 a.m. Medical call at residence on Deer Park Drive in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.
1:18 a.m. Medical call at Rivers Edge in Glencoe, ALS ambulance dispatched.
1:57 a.m. Medical call at residence on Pinon Lane in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

10:44 a.m. Dog reported running loose near 11th Street and A Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.
1:20 p.m. Domestic battery reported at residence on Rivers Edge in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.
2:48 p.m. Accident reported on Cedar Creek Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and deputy dispatched.
4:46 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Old Schoolhouse Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.
6:46 p.m. Accident reported on north side of Hwy 380 in Capitan, police and ambulance dispatched.
8:06 p.m. Medical call at residence on West Third in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

Old Lincoln by ROSALIE DUNLAP

The main news has been the cold weather and snow. Las Cruces average is two snow storms a year and they had the two last week. We had about 1-1/2 inches of snow - the first wet and the second one drier.

Lois and David Coleman had quite a trip to see us. East of Van Horn it was very treacherous. One stop was 2 1/2 hours long. The youngsters got out of the vehicles and built snowmen. The roads were slushy with chunks of ice underneath. They almost went under a semi due to the icy conditions.

They stayed one day and returned to Portland ahead of the second storm. They hit some rain and sleet around San Antonio, TX. David did some small chores while he was here - such as showing Ralph how to start the furnace and get the garage light working. Also how to work the DVD.

We are supposed to get a new furnace as the one now presently in the house is over 20 years old.

It seems when we open the garage door it blows out the pilot light.

Last night it was cold but no moisture. We went to the movies (2012) this afternoon and there was snow on the Organ Mts. Yesterday they were almost bare of snow. We are supposed to get rain tomorrow and not so cold. But we will get wind!

Lincoln and Lincoln County have been very cold with the temperature in the low teens. I imagine Ski Apache is very happy with the snow. The Cloudcroft areas roads were also very icy.

Our condolences to Jerry Carroll's family. The Lincoln County Commissioner' meetings will not be the same without his presence.

I have not heard anything from Lincoln so have no news from there this week.

Everyone take care in all these storms NM has been having. So until next week you all take care.

Inside the Capitol . . .

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became all Democratic for the first time in 40 years. But such things have a way of changing.

State GOP Chairman Harvey Yates has launched a 180-Degree Turnaround Campaign, which he terms one of the most aggressive and comprehensive campaigns in the history of the New Mexico Republican Party.

And the recent surprise victory of Republican R.J. Berry in the Albuquerque mayoral race will be a morale boost for the party.

Have A Great Weekend!!!

OBITUARIES

JERRY CARROLL

Jerry Carroll, 68, Defender of the "Constitution of the United States of America", "Private Property Rights", and the "Rights of the Individual" died December 3.

Jerry Carroll was born April 17, 1941 in Dallas, Texas. He was raised by his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T.V. Skiles (deceased). He joined the Marines when he was 16 years old and was discharged in May of 1961. He married his wife, Wanda, on June 10, 1961, moved to New Mexico in October, 1979 and remained there until he passed away on December 3.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Wanda Carroll; his four half sisters, Bonnie Leonard and Susan Herbelin of Waco, Texas, Pat Rogers of Inola, Oklahoma, and Linda Elgin of Wautaga, Texas; two half brothers, Richard Birnbaum of Quilan, Texas, Ralph Birnbaum of Waco, Texas; his uncle, James Skiles of Pinson, Alabama; and his aunt, Fay Wilson of Rockwall, Texas.

The family has entrusted their loved one to the care of Hamilton-O'Dell Funeral Home to direct the arrangements.

A memorial service will be held later.

RICHARD URBAN

Memorial service for Richard Urban, 62, of Ruidoso Downs will be Saturday, Dec. 12, at 2:00 p.m. in the Fountain of the Living Water Church at San Patricio.

Mr. Urban died December 3 at his home in Ruidoso Downs. He was born October 26, 1947 at Ruidoso and had lived in Lincoln County all of his life.

He worked for the Village of Ruidoso for 20 years retiring in 1992. He married Ramona Martinez on September 25, 1976 in Carrizozo.

He is survived by his wife, Ramona Urban; two sons, Richard Urban Jr. and James Urban; a daughter, April Urban; his brothers and sisters, Mary Randolph, Candy Guevara, Raymond Greigo, Benny Montoya, and Johnny Urban and five grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

JOHN WESLEY VonROSENBERG

John Wesley VonRosenberg, 81, of Ruidoso, died December 4 in Ruidoso. He was born April 30, 1928 at Lubbock, Texas and grew up in Albuquerque.

He had been a member of Masonic Lodge for 56 years. He was a charter member of the Ruidoso Noon Lions Club, a charter member and past president of the Lincoln County Home Builders Association and a member of Cree Meadows Country Club.

John moved to Ruidoso from Albuquerque in 1967 and was a retired general contractor. He married Adelia Jaynes on December 19, 1945 at Albuquerque.

He is survived by his wife, Adelia; a son, Jeff VonRosenberg, three grandsons and six great grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.lagroneruidoso.com.

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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,

vs.
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 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 Hill 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

CALL FOR BIDS

Greentree Solid Waste Authority will open Sealed Bids at 2:00 p.m. on December 28, 2009 at the Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, 88346; on the following:

3 YARD HEAVY DUTY SIDELOAD DUMPSTERS

This bid price will be good for one (1) year. Bid Forms and Specifications may be obtained from the Greentree Solid Waste Authority's Office, 222 2nd Street, Ruidoso downs, New Mexico, 88346. Mailed Bids should be addressed to Greentree Solid Waste Authority, P.O. Box 2405, Ruidoso Downs, New Mexico, 88346; with the envelope clearly marked: 3 Yard Heavy Duty Side Load Dumpsters on the lower left hand corner of the submitted envelope. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to see that its Bid is delivered to the Authority's Office by the date and time set for opening. If the mailed or delivery of said Bid is delayed beyond the opening date and time, Bid thus delayed will not be considered. A public opening will be held on December 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m., any bidder or their authorized representatives are invited to attend.

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30 YARD HEAVY DUTY BATHTUB ROLL OFF CONTAINERS

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LEGAL NOTICE

ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CORONA Resolution # 09-12

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Corona that:

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 2, 2010. Polls will open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 7:00 P.M.

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 Councilor for a four year term.
3. ONE Councilor for a four year term.

C. Precinct One (1) is designated for the regular municipal election.

D. The following location is designated as the polling places for the conduct of the regular municipal election:

1. Voters in Precinct One (1) shall vote at Corona Village Hall, 461 Corona Main/Hwy 54, Corona, New Mexico.

E. Absentee Voting. -- Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained 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 5:00 p.m., February 26, 2010. After 5:00 p.m. 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 the caregiver to the voter until 7:00 p.m. on March 2, 2010.

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 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010.

Early Voting. -- Early voting on paper ballots 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 5:00 p.m. 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 5:00 P.M., 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 the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots.

Adopted and approved this 24th day of November, 2009.

Janet L. Verna
Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Corona

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

LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUCION DE ELECCION LA ALDEA DE CORONA Resolución Núm. 09-12

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante de la Aldea de Corona que:

A. Una elección municipal regular para la elección de oficiales municipales se llevará a cabo el 2 de marzo de 2010. Lugares de votación estarán abiertas al público entre las horas de las 7:00 A.M. y las 7:00 P.M.

B. En la elección municipal regular, individuos serán elegidos para ocupar los siguientes cargos electivos:

1. Un Alcalde por un término de cuatro años.
2. UN Consejal por un término de cuatro años.
3. UN Consejal por un término de cuatro años.

C. Los reciento Uno (1) es para la elección municipal regular.

D. La siguiente localidade es designada como locale para votar para llevar a cabo la elección municipal regular:

1. Los votantes en el Reciento Uno (1) votarán en Corona Village Hall, 461 Corona Main/Hwy 54, Corona, New Mexico.

E. Votación en Ausencia. Solicitudes para obtener balotas para votar en ausencia pueden ser obtenidas únicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La

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Escribana de la Municipalidad debe llevar y aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00 p.m. el 26 de febrero de 2010. A partir de las 5:00 p.m. el 26 de febrero de 2010, la Escribana de la Municipalidad públicamente destruirá todas las balotas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptará las balotas completadas por la votante que emite su balota, con el fin de votar en ausencia, que se le entregue por correo o en persona, de un miembro de la familia inmediata de la votante, o del conserje al votante hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de marzo de 2010.

Las balotas para votar en ausencia se pueden marcar en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y días hábiles, empezando el martes, 26 de enero de 2010 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 26 de febrero de 2010.

Votación por Anticipado. El recuento de los votos por anticipado, de papeleta, se llevará a cabo en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y días hábiles, empezando el miércoles, 10 de febrero de 2010 y terminando a las 5:00 p.m. el viernes, 26 de febrero de 2010.

F. Las personas que desgen registrarse para votar en la elección municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln condado a más tardar el martes, 2 de febrero de 2010 a las 5:00 P.M., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrará los libros del registro.

G. Se archivará todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el martes, 5 de enero de 2010 entre las horas de las 8:00 A.M. y las 5:00 P.M.

H. Se hará un record de los votos de los electores municipales calificados papeletas.

Adoptada y aprobada este día 24 de noviembre de 2009.

Janet L. Verna
Escribana
La Aldea de Corona

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Weather Report . . .

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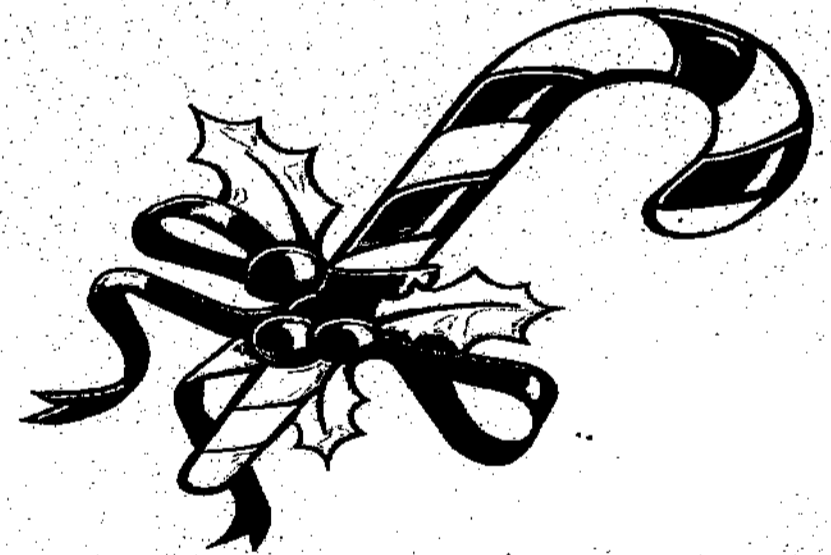
Information was taken from the National Weather Service Website. For up to date weather reports, go to www.srh.noaa.gov/abq/ on the internet. This website is up-dated every four hours.

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new toll free 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.

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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Looking Back . . .

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RAMBLIN' AROUND

by PAUL BAKER

An interesting bit of history on the building of Eagle Creek Lodge is contained in a newspaper clipping given us this week by Mrs. T.E. Kelley. Mr. Kelley was one of a committee who worked on the project of selecting a site for the proposed lodge of the Southwestern Fish, Game and Forest Protective Assn. Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Lemon and the George Dingwalls were also charter members of the Association. E.A. Orme-Johnson is the present secretary and treasurer of the organization.

"An Open Letter to the Public" written by S.L. Squier, secretary, in 1918, follows:

Since the founding of the Southwestern Fish, Game and Forest Protective Association about 18 months ago, its directors have been constantly engaged in looking for, and negotiating for a suitable location for the erection of a Club House as set forth in article V. of the Constitution and BY-LAWS of the Association. The first idea of the Association was to locate in the Gila National Forest, to purchase or lease land for the propagating of game and fish. After careful investigation, it was found that the price of such a place and cost of building a road to it was prohibitive, therefore the idea of locating in the Gila National Forest was dropped and other locations looked for where the expense would not be so great in construction of roads and the hauling of building material to the place of building the Lodge. After looking through the mountains of the Lincoln National Forest, our Directors decided on the North Fork of Eagle Creek as being the most logical location that could be found, and negotiations for a lease and building permit was at once begun with the United States Forest Service, and six months after our application was mailed them and a number of letters exchanged, we succeeded in getting through a fifteen year lease on a tract of land with a permit to build a lodge, and I am glad to inform our members and the public in general, that we have let the contract for the building material and have engaged a force of men to do the road work and expect to have this building completed within sixty days.

Roman Nunez, whose quadrille dancers will take part in the Lincoln Pageant next week end, says he "can dance better and more this year because he has had eight inches or more of rain at his ranch. . . Rain that has been treating the Hondo Valley lightly the past two or three years, came back this summer and the hills are green all the way into Roswell. . . Sign in an El Paso home: "Child Care 24 hours a day, free pickup and delivery." . . . Petty's in Carrizozo is advertising a big sale for Saturday with lots of bargains and prizes for the shoppers. . . Rev. Charles L. Conder writes that he likes the series the NEWS is running on New Mexico Folklore.

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Improvements Continue in National Forest . . .

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you should be actively engaged in."

The Lincoln National Forest and the Mescalero Apache Tribe have been working together since 2006 on the 16 Springs Stewardship Project, the first Forest Service stewardship project under the authority of the Tribal Forest Protection Act (TFPA). The TFPA permits the federal government to enter into contacts and agreements with Native American Indian tribes for work on public lands hor-

dering on or adjacent to tribal lands. Sanchez reported.

He said an additional 5,200 acres were added to the 16 Springs project in 2008. The project is designed to reduce the threat of wildfire, improve watershed and forest conditions and limit the spread of invasive insects and disease.

In 2010, the Forest Service plans to treat about 4,000 acres within the Smokey Bear District with a combination of mechanical thinning and

prescribed burning, he said.

"We're looking at a transition out of the usual forest-thinning treatment options and getting more into the maintenance of the thinning that we've done," Sanchez said. "We've treated thousands of acres and done millions of dollars of work over the last 10 years. To maintain that is going to require a concerted effort, whether it's prescribed burning, the use of herbicide or hand grubbing; there's a variety of techniques. The things

we're doing to prepare for that now is we have brought an additional engine onto the Smokey Bear district to help with the burning program, and we're also developing a special position and program to look at monitoring so we'll have a person leading that for the Forest Service."

The Forest Service has produced free maps of the Lincoln National Forest access roads, a result of its recent reassessment of travel management within the

forest.

"This is a culmination of a couple years of work, the Forest Service Travel Management Regulation," Sanchez said, "to examine our motorized road and trail system. Lincoln National Forest didn't change our travel management system very much, so what we ended up doing was to make a notice of compliance with the federal regulation," he added. "These are roads that open to the public. This is the avenue that will provide information to the

public."

Sanchez said that the public roads within the forest will be fitted with signs whenever possible, but the new maps are the best source for knowing which roads and trails are available for public use. The maps will be updated annually, he said.

"We'll be requesting input and advice from the county commissioners and others as we go forward on an annual basis to decide if we want to add roads or take roads off this system," he said.

Storms . . .

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out electric service. High winds and fallen trees have taken down power lines there, and the senior citizen center on the Mescalero Apache Reservation suffered extensive damage from Tuesday's high winds. Other reports of damage to structures in the Ruidoso area are still coming in.

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