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WITH LOTS OF GLITTER, sparkle and twinkling lights everywhere this time of year, the message remains a simple one. Merry Christmas to all!!! (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Deer Park Valley SAD Approved

By Patrice Brazie

After gathering comments from residents and property owners of the Alto subdivision Deer Park Valley, and weighing the estimated cost of paving and drainage improvements against the estimated benefit to property values, a Special Assessment District (SAD) has been approved.

During its regular meeting of December 15th, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution to approve the benefit values and direct the move forward to determining the final design, bidding, award and development of assessment values for the project.

Dan Aguierre, vice president of Wilson and Company, Inc., Engineers and Architects, addressed the county officials to sum up how the project has progressed.

"We ended up receiving 61 total comments, which is representative of 25 percent of the properties," Aguierre said. "Twenty-one had a protest against the district; the costs were too high, they didn't believe that the improvements would raise the property values, their lots were

purchased with no intent for residential use, or they wanted equal assessment throughout the lots," he explained. "Of the 61 comments, 21 were against and 40 were for district."

Aguierre said that his firm has attempted to make adjustments to lower the overall cost of the paving and drainage improvements. After reviewing the standards and requirements for road construction at the time that the Deer Park Valley subdivision was built, he found that a 20-foot width for roads was allowed.

"I have made some recommendations for this district that we allow a variance because of the age of this subdivision," Aguierre said. "When I look at safety, I think that it would be okay and, looking at driver expectancy in the community, I think that a driver would expect to have the narrower roads. I'm recommending that we move forward with a medium road width of 20 feet," he said.

The two primary access routes in the subdivision, Deer Valley Drive and Antler Drive should be 22 feet wide, because they are more heavily used than the subdivision's other streets, Aguierre recommended. He also asked that 1,000

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## County's Land Deals Underway

By Patrice Brazie

Lincoln County is in the process of selling its Glencoe Rural Events Center property, and purchasing two tracts of land, one that will eventually be home to a county-owned healthcare clinic in Capitan and the other for a new fire station.

County manager Tom Stewart reported to the board of county commissioners on Tuesday that an appraisal of \$340,000 for the events center property has been sent to the New Mexico State Property Tax director for his evaluation and concurrence.

"Once his approval

is obtained, we will schedule for a DFA (Department of Finance and Administration) State Board of Finance approval meeting in the January/February timeframe," Stewart said. "There's nothing further that needs to be done on the sale of the Glencoe Rural Events Center except making sure that Sherry Barrows Strategies (the purchasing company) has the funding."

An appraisal has been completed for the Merritt property on Buckhorn Loop, but there is a minor issue with the survey for a potential boundary dispute with an adjacent property owner," Stewart said.

"I think, in kindness to the other side, we could do a boundary agreement and just see if we can work that out," Stewart said. He anticipates closing on the purchase in February.

The second land acquisition before the county is the purchase of 25 acres of land next to the Lincoln County Fairgrounds in Capitan currently by the Cillesson family. An appraisal confirming the \$750,000 purchase price has been sent to the state property tax director for approval.

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CAPITAN SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE Elva Wheeler stooped briefly on her way home Tuesday to show off the plush white tiger she received from a co-worker during an office gift exchange. Merry Christmas and Go Tigers!! (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Carpet to be Replaced at Carrizozo City Hall on Friday, January 8

Due to the water leak and resulting damage, the carpet at Carrizozo City Hall will be replaced Friday Jan. 8.

City hall will be closing at noon on Thursday, January 7 for town employees to disconnect the computers and move all the furniture to the council room.

City hall will be back open as soon as possible on Monday, January 11.

The 11th is also town council meeting day. Carrizozo Mayor Bob Hemphill is reminding folks that January 5th is the only day to sign up to have their name on the ballot for mayor and two trustee positions in the municipal election in March.

"One thing that some folks forgot, or didn't know, was that they are required to have a certified copy of their voter registration from the county clerk when they sign up to run," Hemphill said.

He also said that in an effort to keep used Christmas trees from the alleys and ditches, Carrizozo we will be collecting them, (no tinsel we hope), at city hall and will be trying to find a chipper to make mulch.



DRESSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS, Lincoln County Finance Director "Punkin" Schlarb greeted guests and fellow employees during a lunch hour celebration outside of the county manager's office last week. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)





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**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 Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mescalero. 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 24**

--Mny governmental offices closed today and tomorrow for Christmas.

--Luminarias will be placed on streets in Carrizozo starting at 9:00 a.m. Lighting candles begins at 3:30 p.m. Volunteers needed. Enjoy

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25**

--Christmas day, luminaria bags to be picked up starting at 8:00 a.m. Volunteers needed.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010**

--Happy New Year! Governmental officke closed.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**

--Filing day for candidates for municipal elections

**HAVE A GREAT  
HOLIDAY!!!**

**Deer Park Valley SAD . . .**

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feet of Deer Valley Drive be excluded from the assessment district, saying that it is not really a part of the subdivision but a connection between two developing areas.

"We want to take that out of the district to save on costs," he said.

Another cost-saving downgrade would be to reduce the amount of base course used on the roads from six inches to four inches, with the standard two inches of asphalt on top.

Aguierre said that the cost-saving measures would be needed if the county commissioners elected to assess each property equally, another recommended change to the process. A month or so ago, the plan was to assess properties of less than six-tenths of an acre a lower amount than larger parcels in the subdivision.

"That was a big comment by most folks that we talked with, even some of the ones that were for it. They still would like it to be equal and that seemed to be across the board," Aguirre said.

If the properties in the SAD are to be assessed equally, the estimated benefit would be reduced to around \$15,000 for all properties. Under the former arrangement, larger properties carried an estimated benefit of about \$24,000.

"The equal assessment also addresses the property values," Aguirre said. "We would approve the benefits as determined by the appraiser, and as recommended by us, as the \$15,550 and the \$24,000, but by going to an equal assessment we basically limit the benefit to the lower value of \$15,550 for all of the lots. Once we make it a condition to assess the lots equally, none of the assessments can be more than the lowest benefit," he added. "The people that feel like the \$24,000 is too high, even though the benefit would be set at that,

we could never reach that if we're using equal assessments. The benefit is still going to be, if approved, the \$24,000, but we would never be able to use that value if we equally assess everybody because the \$15,550 will be the maximum benefit that is used."

Aguierre said that his firm also recommended that the Deer Park Valley properties be assessed at no more than 90-percent of the estimated \$15,550 benefit. By law, the assessments for paving and improving drainage in the subdivision cannot be higher than the benefit received due to the improvements.

Regarding the comments from property owners who said they never intended to build on or reside on their parcels, Aguirre said his firm only looks at the property values and cannot assess whether someone could change their mind about the use of a parcel or sell it to someone that has a different intent.

"We just base it on the property itself and not the emotions behind it," he said.

County attorney Alan Morel commented on the Wilson and

Company recommendations, including the concept of constructing the roads with a variance for width.

"Actually, the management does recommend that you incorporate these (recommended changes)," Morel said. "The old subdivision that was filed did actually provide for 10 foot driving surfaces back over 25 years ago. That's why the utilities are so close to the edge of the road. There are good reasons to accommodate these changes," he said.

Representatives of the Alto Lakes water district had requested that a lot owned by that district be exempt from assessment because the lot contains a well and will never be developed. Aguirre recommended that the lot be treated the same as all other lots within the SAD.

"They own five lots and were asking for an exemption on one lot," he said. "The well is in an easement and it's a small portion of the lot. There are other lots with well easements on them and they're being assessed. They could sell the lot and still maintain an easement for their well," Aguirre explained.

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# County's Land Deals . . .

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apparently a right-of-way for Otero Electric, a utility easement, only they're having problems documenting the easement," Stewart said of the Cillesson property. "It's through our prospective property, so they're working on finding a resolution to that for Otero Electric."

The Cillesson property is slated to house the new healthcare clinic that the county will build there. There has been some talk of using the Cillesson property as a new home for ambulance and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) personnel in the future, as the Capitan

Volunteer Fire Department will need more room in its existing facility.

"Jim Stover (Lincoln County EMS Director) has advised me that we also need to start planning for a new ambulance location," Stewart said. "The Capitan Fire Dept. wants their space."

The manager suggested that a house on the Cillesson property could be quickly converted to serve as an EMS and ambulance facility.

"These three properties are really good. I think we're going to be fine," Stewart said.

# County Pay Policy Clarified

by Patrice Brazie

With what weather forecasters call an El Nino weather pattern dominating the late autumn and early winter seasons in Lincoln County, county manager Tom Stewart recently issued a clarification of the county's policy regarding absenteeism due to inclement weather conditions.

Stewart began a letter to all county departments by explaining that state anti-donation laws prohibit paying employees for work missed because of bad weather, however, the safety of the workers is a primary concern. He acknowledged that the conditions encountered by employees traveling to and from work this time of year can vary depending on where the employee lives, and that each employee's capabilities in managing travel in less than desirable weather conditions varies as well.

"Accordingly, to encourage employees and supervisors to make individual determinations on travel, the following two pay procedures will be followed for inclement weather," Stewart wrote. "Administrative leave with pay will be

granted if the county manager closes or delays opening of the courthouse or other facility of the county. In this case, the county has denied the opportunity for the employees to come to work through no fault of the employee and compensation of all employees so inconvenienced is warranted.

"If the county manager has not closed or delayed the opening of the courthouse or other facility, delayed travel to and early departure from the work place to accommodate weather conditions will be chargeable as vacation time (for both probationary and regular employees), or the employee will be able to make up the time during the pay period."

Wednesday's snowfall amounted to several inches of accumulation in the mountainous areas of the county, while the county seat of Carrizozo received considerably less. A report from the county manager's office on Wednesday morning indicated that few, if any, county employees encountered difficulty in getting to work on time.

# Deer Park Valley SAD . . .

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Morel added that excluding one lot would increase the cost to the other properties within the subdivision.

"I've looked at the lot. I don't see the ability to exclude anybody, including a governmental entity, because they don't want to be assessed," Morel said.


In a special meeting on December 9th, the board of county commissioners imposed a moratorium on the combining of any lots in the Deer Park Valley subdivision, in order to ensure that the number of lots subject to the assessment does not change.

On December 15th, the county commissioners adopted the resolution to go forward with establishing the SAD, with four conditions recommended by Aguierre and his firm. Those four conditions are that roadways be constructed with two inches of asphalt over four inches of aggregate base courses at a minimum of 20 feet wide, excepting Deer Valley and Antler Drives which will be constructed at 22 feet wide; that the top 1,000 feet of Deer Valley Drive not be

constructed with SAD funding; that assessments be no greater than 90 percent of the approved maximum benefit; and that assessments be spread equally on a per-lot basis.

County manager Tom Stewart suggested that the county seek an estimate for the cost of paving the top 1,000 feet of Deer Valley Drive and proposed that county funds be used to include that portion of the road in the planned improvements at taxpayer expense.

The Lincoln County News will be on a normal schedule next week, which means we will publish on Thursday, December 31st. Deadline for all copy will be Tuesday, December 29nd 5:00 PM



**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

**Phillip and Eileen Sedillo**

# Old Lincoln

by ROSALIE DUNLAP

Many of my readers will not receive the paper before Christmas but I hope everyone had a good one.

Our best Christmas present was our son and grandson both got jobs the same week. Our son, Wayne, is working for Kohl's in Albuquerque beginning last week. Our grandson, Scott, will begin his job January 4th near Portland. Scott had been without a job for 18 months and has one that he wanted and is qualified.

Another present was the unexpected visit of Leota Pfingsten and Sara Walley and Joe (?) Shafer who drove then down to Las Cruces. They attended the graduation exercises at NMSU.

They have had quite a bit of rain in Portland and cold weather. With the humidity it makes it seem colder.

Here in Las Cruces it has been rather nice. No more snowstorms and heavy winds. All areas hit in New Mexico will take some time to clean up and do repair work. The Cloudcroft area was hard hit with no electricity.

There are beautiful Christmas decorations here. It is so sad when people's decorations are stolen. One lady had her ornaments that she had collected over the years stolen.

The stores are full of shoppers but don't know how the sales are doing.

I had the flu last week plus the infection in my cheek which is now cleared up. But my Christmas present are new hearing aids. I didn't know we had such a noisy house. I can hear all the appliances, furnace, TV and mainly Ralph talking without him having to holler at me. Oh what joy it is to hear well again!

We will be going to Ralph's family in Willcox, AZ for Christmas and it will be nice to know what is going on.

We hope to see our granddaughter, Patricia and our great-grandson, Tristan. They will come to Willcox from Phoenix.

Everyone have a happy and safe New Year's. It is hard to realize it will be 2010 in a week.



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Ms. Nishitani has worked in health care since 1969 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.

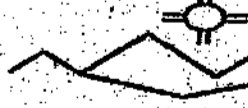
To schedule an appointment at the Rose Clinic, please call (575) 354-0057. The Rose Clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Friday hours are from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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**THOUGHTS**

From the Editor's Desk

**Merry Christmas Everyone!**

By Ruth Hammond

The snowstorm earlier this week helped get people in the mood for Christmas, but there were more than a few Scrooges around. One person kept saying, "Bah, Humbug," and apparently didn't like the snow. The majority of county residents were able to stay in and keep warm, but sheriff dispatch said that county road crews had been out since 2 a.m. Wednesday. It is comforting to know they are working to keep roads passable, but they must be very tired.

On a different note, shopping for presents could be curtailed because of icy and slick roads. You may be prepared and have gifts bought and wrapped and under the tree, but a few will wait until late on the 24th to finish their shopping. Back when the children were small shopping had to be conducted at various times and hiding places had to be found. One year the gifts were put in the attic by way of a crawl space that could be entered in the ceiling above the hall. It worked, especially because the children couldn't get up there to find out what goodies were lurking there.

Not to be outdone, years later gifts were put on layaway and had to be picked up by December 1 and that did pose a problem. The gifts were wrapped but instead of names each package had a number and the master number list was not made public. One child was disappointed because there was no way of telling which gift went to which child, thus making it almost impossible to figure out the contents wrapped.

It has all changed now that the children are grown. One elderly lady kept saying it wasn't as much fun as it had been when the children were small. Now we know what she meant. When the children were small it was a joy to watch them Christmas morning. It was fun to watch as a child opened a special package that had been on a list. One child had told his grandmother that it would be really a nice Christmas if the present was a water pumping fire truck. It was wet during the winter but the child was really happy.

Surprises at Christmas time also help. This year you might consider remembering someone who will be spending their first Christmas without a loved one and take time to call to let them know you are thinking about them. It would be good for both of you.

However you spend Christmas, please take time to remember loved ones who are fighting for us, most in a faraway land. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers. And most importantly, remember why we celebrate Christmas. Merry Christmas everyone.

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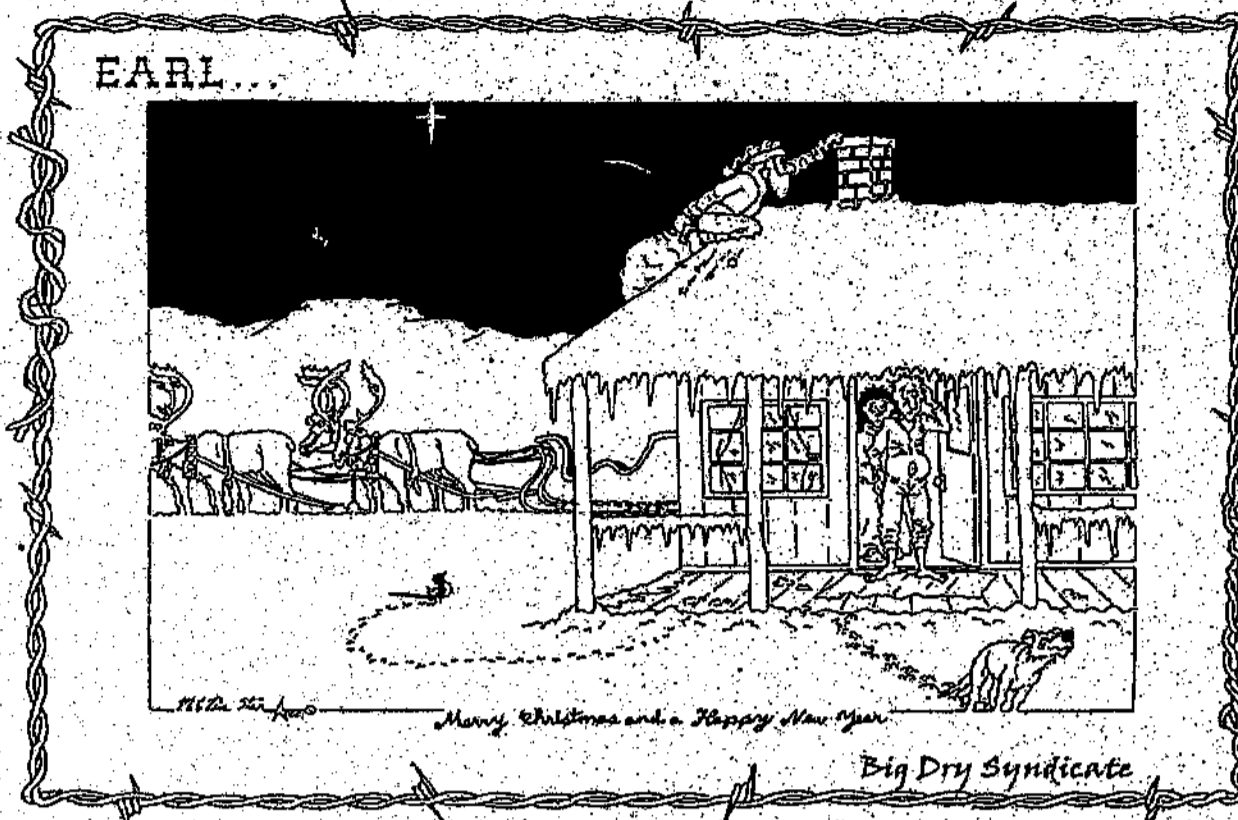
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**Editorials/Opinion & Other Stuff**



**\* Inside the Capitol**

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

**SANTA FE** — Merry Christmas. I hope I haven't ruined anyone's morning. I realize not all of you are Christians but ours is a diverse society. We should all be willing to appreciate each other's traditions.

A Jewish congregation down the street places a large menorah on its fence, this time of year, which I always appreciate. Apparently the rest of the neighbors do too because it goes back up every year.

We have a sparkly crescent and star hanging prominently in our house. And we aren't bothered that to nearly all the world, it is thought of as a symbol of Islam.

To us, it is a reminder of a magical evening, sitting atop the Hotel Conrad on the Asian side of Istanbul, looking across the Bosphorus at the European continent and seeing a crescent moon and star above us in almost the exact position as on the Turkish flag.

Actually the crescent and star are not a Muslim symbol. If they were, they couldn't be on the Turkish flag. The crescent and star were a Turkish symbol long before Islam came into existence.

The Turks quickly became the great power of the Muslim world. When their legions conquered southern Europe, the sight of the Turkish flag they carried caused people to associate the crescent and star with Islam. Eventually Muslims began to make the same association.

But it's no big deal to us. We have Santos and Bultos all over our house but we're not Catholic. We have them because we like them. We also have a large cross collection and over 300 nativities for which we had to buy a storage shed to keep them between Christmas seasons.

The point is that people get too serious about words and symbols. As Mike Huckabee said in explaining Mitt Romney's religious beliefs, it is an individual's relationship with God, not his church or religion, that defines what kind of person he is. Words and symbols shouldn't mean that much.

And if they do, don't sweat it. There's no law against public display of Christmas, even for government entities. Most choose not to do it for fear of hurting someone's feelings, but the Supreme Court never has agreed to hear the issue.

Government bodies seem to be moving toward the unwritten "one reindeer rule" by putting something secular in their Christmas

display. If I were to move to a country where the predominant culture was other than Christian, I would not expect to see that culture adapt to me.

Some businesses like to play it safe and not lose any customers by mentioning Christmas. But many stores have discovered they can lose more customers by being politically correct.

The Christmas season is a great time to give thanks for the birth of our savior and to focus on peace and good will. But Dec. 25 isn't that sacred. We should give thanks year round.

It appears very likely that Christ was not born on Dec. 25 because shepherds would not have been in the fields tending their flocks in the middle of winter.

December was a common time for most cultures and religions to cele-

brate because they didn't have to be tending their fields at that time. So it was a good time for Christians to have their big celebration.

Nothing says birthdays have to be celebrated on the anniversary of one's birth. I know people born on Dec. 25, who celebrate their birthday in July.

And by the way, the use of Xmas isn't too un-Christian. In Greek, the language of many early Christian writings, X (Chi) was the first letter of Christ.

So don't feel intimidated about celebrating Christmas in exactly the way you want. You get to make the rules by which you live.

And don't let the blustering Bill O'Reillys of the world get you too worked up either. No one has declared war on Christmas and no one has won it for us. MERRY CHRISTMAS

**Trecycle That Christmas Tree Starts Saturday**

The annual Christmas tree recycling program at School House Park in Ruidoso begins Saturday and continues through January 16. The school house park drop-off location is in the temporary orange fenced area between the swimming pool and the recycling dumpsters.

Both green and flocked trees (fake snow) are accepted. All tree stands, lights, ornaments and other tree decorations must be removed for the safety of the crews and machinery.

Please do not illegally dump Christmas trees at other trash disposal dumpsters or compactors locations. County residents with trees cut into pieces four feet or less may also place in their normal yard waste location.

Carrizozo residents can drop discarded trees by town hall for proper disposal. Capitan residents should drop discarded trees off at the village equipment yard.

Corona area residents should drop off Christmas trees to be recycled at the Corona waste disposal and recycling center near the railroad tracks.

Any county resident can also take trees to the School House Park recycling area in Ruidoso.

There are many uses for discarded Christmas trees instead of burying them in the landfill. Other uses for Christmas trees discarded on private property include

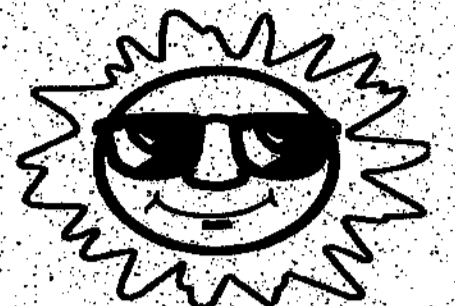
- Erosion control and soil stabilization in ravines and arroyos
- Compost and mulch
- Habitat for birds and other small animals
- Firewood

Trees discarded at the School House Park site will be converted into mulch and made available to county residents at the White Mountain School and Schoolhouse Park sites.

Nationally, approximately 93 percent of the real Christmas trees are recycled through community programs.

A good rule of thumb is to take your tree to the drop off location in the same condition as you would find it naturally in the forest.

For more information on Christmas tree recycling, contact Ruidoso Parks and Recreation at 257-5030 or the Greentree Solid Waste Authority (formerly Lincoln County Solid Waste Authority) office at 378-4697, toll free at 1-877-48-8772 or via email at lcswa@valornet.com. Christmas tree recycling information is available on the Greentree website at www.lcswa.org.



**WEATHER REPORT**  
by JEFF HAMMOND

There is a slight chance for a "White Christmas" for us here in Lincoln County.

The forecast is basically mostly clear to partly cloudy at all elevations both day and night. Temperatures will be in the 40s each day and in the teens at night. Watch out for ice on the roads in the early morning hours.

Ski Apache is currently operating 5 of 11 ski lifts, 20 of 55 trails are open for skiing and snowboarding. Currently there is approximately 22 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:

**Thurs., Dec. 24**  
A slight chance of snow showers before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain showers, partly cloudy, with a high near 42, west winds between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 16, northwest winds between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday, December 25**  
Sunny, with a high near 38, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 12.

**Saturday, December 26**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 38, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15.

**Sunday, December 27**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 43, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

**Monday, December 28**  
A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 45, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 19.

**Tuesday, December 29**  
A slight chance of snow showers, partly cloudy, with a high near 42, night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 18.

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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.



# LEGALS

## LEGAL NOTICE VILLAGE OF CORONA Notice of Proposed Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that at its regular meeting on January 12, 2010, commencing at the hour of 5:30 p.m., the Village Council of the Village of Corona, New Mexico will consider the approval and adoption of a proposed Ordinance, the title of which appears below. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public inspection during normal and regular business hours in the office of the Village Clerk, Municipal Offices, 461 Corona Main (Highway 54), Corona, New Mexico, 88318.

The title of the Ordinance is:  
**VILLAGE OF CORONA  
ORDINANCE NO.**

**AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A WATER PROJECT FUND LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE NEW MEXICO WATER TRUST BOARD AND THE NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY (THE "LENDERS/GRANTORS") AND THE VILLAGE OF CORONA (THE "BORROWER/GRANTEE"), IN THE AMOUNT OF ONE MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,500,000), EVIDENCING AN OBLIGATION OF THE BORROWER/GRANTEE TO UTILIZE THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT SOLELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS TO COMPLETE PHASE I OF A FULLY FUNCTIONAL WATER REUSE AND WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM, AND SOLELY IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR PAYMENT OF THE LOAN AMOUNT SOLELY FROM PLEDGED REVENUES; CERTIFYING THAT THE LOAN/GRANT AMOUNT, TOGETHER WITH OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE BORROWER/GRANTEE, IS SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT; APPROVING THE FORM OF AND OTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT; RATIFYING ACTIONS HERETOFORE TAKEN; REPEALING ALL ACTION INCONSISTENT WITH THIS ORDINANCE; AND AUTHORIZING THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE LOAN/GRANT AGREEMENT.**

A general summary of the subject matter of the Ordinance is contained in its title.

Publication of this notice constitutes compliance with Section 3-17-3, NMSA.

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## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Council Chambers, Village of Capitan, New Mexico, at 10:00 a.m., on the following dates:

Wed., January 27, 2010	Wed., July 28, 2010
Wed., February 24, 2010	Wed., August 25, 2010
Wed., March 31, 2010	Wed., September 29, 2010
Wed., April 28, 2010	Wed., October 27, 2010
Wed., May 26, 2010	Wed., November 17, 2010
Wed., June 30, 2010	December 29, 2010
	No Meeting

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln County Lodgers Tax Committee may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF LINCOLN  
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT  
No. D-1226-CV-2009-00017

DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ANTHONY D. POWERS A/K/A A.D. POWERS, AMELIA BETH POWERS A/K/A A. BETH POWERS, DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY- INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, AND TAXATION AND REVENUE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO,

Defendants.

## SECOND NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that on January 12, 2010, at the hour of 9:00 am the undersigned Special Master, or his designee, will, at the North Side entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, at Twelfth Judicial District Court, 300 Central, Carrizozo, NM 88301, sell all of the rights, title and interest of the above-named Defendants, in and to the hereinafter described real estate to the highest bidder for cash. The property to be sold is located at 154 Meander Dr., Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, (if there is a conflict between the legal description and the street address, the legal description shall control) and is more particularly described as follows:

LOT 28, BLOCK 10, PALMER GATEWAY SUB-DIVISION, 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 23, 1955; A.P.N. #: 0024425

including any improvements, fixtures, and attachments, such as, but not limited to, mobile homes. Subject to all taxes, utility liens and other restrictions and easements of record, and subject to a one (1) month right of redemption by the Defendants upon entry of an order approving sale, and subject to a one hundred twenty (120) day redemption by the Defendant Department of Treasury- Internal Revenue Service, and subject to a nine (9) months redemption by the Defendant Taxation and Revenue Department of the State of

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New Mexico. The foregoing sale will be made to satisfy foreclosure judgment rendered by this Court in the above-entitled and numbered cause on June 16, 2009, being an action to foreclose a mortgage on the above-described property. The Plaintiff's judgment is \$199,264.66, and the same bears interest at the rate of 6.3000% per annum, which accrues at the rate of \$34.39 per diem, commencing on April 16, 2009, with the Court reserving entry of final judgment against said Defendants, Anthony D. Powers a/k/a A.D. Powers and Amelia Beth Powers a/k/a A. Beth Powers, for the amount due after foreclosure sale, for costs and attorney's fees, plus interest as may be assessed by the Court. The Plaintiff has the right to bid at such sale all of its judgment amount 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. The sale may be postponed and rescheduled at the discretion of the Special Master.

The Court's decree, having duly appointed its Special Master to advertise and immediately offer for sale the subject real estate and to apply the proceeds of sale, first to the costs of sale and the Special Master's fees, then to pay the above-described judgment, interest, and costs of sale, and to pay unto the registry of the Court any balance remaining to satisfy future adjudication of priority mortgage holders;

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given that in the event that said property is not sooner redeemed, the undersigned will as set forth above, offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash or equivalent, the lands and improvements described above for the purpose of satisfying, in the adjudged order of priorities, the judgment described herein and decree of foreclosure together with any additional costs and attorney's fees, costs of advertisement and publication, a reasonable receiver and Special Master's fee to be fixed by the Court. The total amount of the judgment due is \$199,264.66, plus interest to and including date of sale of \$9,491.64 for a total judgment plus interest of \$208,756.30. Sale is subject to the entry of an order of the Court approving the terms and conditions of this sale.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln County Planning Commission will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 1:00 p.m., on the following dates:

Wed., January 6, 2010	Wed., July 7, 2010
Wed., February 3, 2010	Wed., August 4, 2010
Wed., March 3, 2010	Wed., September 1, 2010
Wed., April 7, 2010	Wed., October 6, 2010
Wed., May 5, 2010	Wed., November 3, 2010
Wed., June 2, 2010	Wed., December 1, 2010

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 115 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico, or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln County Planning Commission may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### RESOLUTION NO. 2009-23 OPEN MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 17th day of November, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. as required by law, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978, Sections 10-15-1 to 10-15-4) states that, except as may be otherwise provided in the Constitution or the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, all meetings of a quorum of members of any board, council, commission, administrative adjudicatory body or other policymaking body of any state or local public agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of or the delegated authority of such body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meeting subject to the Open Meetings Act at which the discussion or adoption of any proposed resolution, rule, regulation or formal action occurs shall be held only after reasonable notice to the public; and

WHEREAS, Section 10-15-1(D) of the Open Meetings Act requires the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall ordinarily be held each month at a time and place designated in the notice. The agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting from the Lincoln County Manager's Office located in the Lincoln County Courthouse, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

2.) Special meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. The notice shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how members of the public may obtain a copy of the agenda. The agenda shall be available to the public at least twenty-four (24) hours before any special meeting.

3.) Emergency meetings of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will be called only under unforeseen circumstances that demand immediate action to protect the health, safety and property of citizens or to protect the public body from substantial financial loss. The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners will avoid emergency meetings whenever possible. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) hours' notice, unless threat of personal injury or property damage requires less notice. The notice for all emergency meetings shall include an agenda for the meeting or information on how the public may obtain a copy of the agenda.

4.) For the purposes of regular meetings described in paragraph 1 of this resolution, notice requirements will be complied with by the Lincoln County Clerk's permanently posting on the bulletin board at the Lincoln County Courthouse a copy of this resolution, as well as a notice setting forth the days and times of the regular meetings which

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have been set by resolution: Changes effecting the date of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.

5.) For the purposes of special meetings and emergency meetings described in paragraphs 2 and 3 of this resolution, notice requirements shall be met by posting notices in the offices of the Lincoln County Clerk and the Lincoln County Manager. The Lincoln County Manager's Office shall provide telephonic notice to those broadcast stations licensed by the Federal Communications Commission and newspapers of general circulation that have made a written request for notice of public meetings.

6.) Every effort shall be made to follow the latest version of Robert's Rules of Order. The Robert's Rules of Order shall be specifically modified to allow the Chairman to vote in all instances.

7.) If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of a reader, amplifier, qualified sign language interpreter, or any other form of auxiliary aid or service to attend or participate in the hearing or meeting, please contact the County Manager's Office at 575/648-2385 at least one week prior to the meeting or as soon as possible. Please contact the County Manager's Office at 575/648-2385 if a summary or other type of accessible format is needed.

8.) The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may close a meeting to the public only if the subject matter of such discussion or action is excepted from the open meeting requirement under Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act.

(1) If any meeting is closed during an open meeting, such closure shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners taken during the open meeting. The authority for the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed shall be stated with reasonable specificity in the motion to close and the vote of each individual member on the motion to close shall be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects specified in the motion may be discussed in the closed meeting.

(2) If a closed meeting is conducted when the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting and the subjects to be discussed with reasonable specificity, is given to the members and the general public.

(3) Following completion of any closed meeting, the minutes of the open meeting that was closed, or the minutes of the next open meeting if the closed meeting was separately scheduled, shall state whether the matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited only to those specified in the motion or notice for closure.

(4) Except as provided in Section 10-15-1(H) of the Open Meetings Act, any action taken as a result of discussions in a closed meeting shall be made by vote of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners in an open public meeting.

9.) Pursuant to 10-15-1 NMSA 1978, paragraph C, a member or members of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners may participate in a meeting of the Board by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member or members to attend the meeting in person, provided that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of November 2009.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Tom Battin, Chairman  
Eileen M. Sedillo, Vice Chair  
Jackie Powell, Member  
Don Williams, Member  
Dave Parks, Member

ATTEST:

Tammie J. Maddox, County Clerk

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## DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for  
District Judge Karen Parsons

Monday, December 21  
No Hearings

Tuesday, December 22  
1:30 p.m. In the Matter of; PQ-2009-15 (OTSC)

Ortiz  
Darrell Brantley  
10:00 a.m. DV-2009-88  
1:30 p.m. Trailing Docket  
DV-2009-67 Application to Modify  
DV-2009-45 Application to Modify  
DV-2009-05-111 Application to Modify

Wednesday, December 23  
Judge Parsons Vacation

Thursday, December 24  
Judge Parsons Vacation  
Court Closes at noon

Friday, December 25  
Court Closed  
Merry Christmas

To One & All  
Peace &  
Happiness  
for the  
Holidays!



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## LEGAL NOTICE ELECTION RESOLUTION VILLAGE OF CAPITAN Resolution No. 2009-40

Be it resolved by the governing body of the Village of Capitan of 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:
- ONE Mayor for a four year term,
  - ONE Trustee for a four year term.
  - ONE Trustee for a four year term.
  - ONE Municipal Judge for a four year term.

C. Precincts Three (3) and Fourteen (14) are consolidated for the regular municipal election.

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

- Voters in Consolidated Precinct(s) Three (3) and Fourteen (14) shall vote at Capitan Village Hall located at 114 S. Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM.

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 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 5:00 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 to be counted by (M100 or M650) electronic vote tabulators.

Adopted and approved this 17th day of November, 2009.

Sam Hammons, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

Kay Strickland, CMC  
Village Clerk

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## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Lincoln County Courthouse (Commission Chambers) in Carrizozo, New Mexico, at 9:00 a.m., on the following dates:

- |                           |                              |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 5, 2010  | Tuesday, July 6, 2010        |
| Tuesday, February 2, 2010 | Tuesday, August 3, 2010      |
| Tuesday, March 2, 2010    | Tuesday, September 7, 2010   |
| Tuesday, April 6, 2010    | Tuesday, October 5, 2010     |
| Tuesday, May 4, 2010      | Tuesday, November 2, 2010    |
|                           | (No Meeting due to Election) |
| Tuesday, June 1, 2010     | Tuesday, December 7, 2010    |
| (No Meeting)              | due to Election)             |

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 115 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**BILLIE-JO GUEVARA**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/  
HUMAN RESOURCES

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## LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUCION DE ELECCION VILLAGE OF CAPITAN Resolución Núm. 2009-40

Sea resuelto por el cuerpo gobernante del Pueblo de Capitan 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:
- Un Alcalde por un término de cuatro años.
  - Un Fiduciario por un término de cuatro años.
  - Un Juez Municipal por un término de cuatro años.

C. Los recintos Tres (3) y Catorce (14) son consolidados para la elección municipal regular.

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

- Los votantes en los Recintos Consolidado Tres (3) y Catorce (14) votarán en Capitan Village Hall, 114 S. Lincoln Avenue, Capitan, NM.

E. Votación en Ausencia. Solicitudes para obtener balotas para votar en ausencia pueden ser obtenidas únicamente de la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad. La(El) Escribana(o) 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(El) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad públicamente destruirá todas las balotas no utilizadas. La (El) Escribana(o) de la Municipalidad aceptará las balotas completadas por la (el) 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 (del) 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 (del) Escribana(o) 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 por un tabulador electrónico (M100 or M650) en la oficina de la (del) Escribana(o) 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 deseen registrarse para votar en la elección municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la (el) Escribana(o) 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 (el) Escribana(o) del Condado cerrará los libros del registro.

G. Se archivará todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la (el) Escribana(o) 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 en papeletas, de las cuales se hará un recuento por tabuladores electrónicos (M100 or M650).

Adoptada y aprobada este día 17 de Noviembre de 2009.

Sam Hammons, Alcalde

**Da fe:**

Kay Strickland, CMC  
Escribano Municipal

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## LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board will hold its regularly scheduled meetings at the Community Church in Lincoln, New Mexico, at 7:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Thursday, January 21, 2010  | Thursday, July 15, 2010    |
| Thursday, February 18, 2010 | Thursday, August 19, 2010  |
| Thursday, March 18, 2010    | Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010   |
| Thursday, April 15, 2010    | Thursday, October 21, 2010 |
| Thursday, May 20, 2010      | Thursday, Nov. 18, 2010    |
| Thursday, June 17, 2010     | Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010    |

A proposed Agenda will be available at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting from the Lincoln County Planning Office, 115 Kansas City Road, Ruidoso, New Mexico or from the County Manager's Office, Lincoln County Administration Building, Carrizozo, New Mexico.

Changes affecting the date and/or location of a regular scheduled meeting will be mailed to newspapers of general circulation in Lincoln County and notices will be posted on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo.

Special meetings of the Lincoln Historic Preservation Board may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three (3) days notice. For the purpose of special meetings, notice requirements will be met by posting notices on the official bulletin board in the Lincoln County Administration Building and notifying the news media.

If you are an individual with a disability who is in need of an auxiliary aid or service, please contact 575/648-2385 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**BILLIE-JO GUEVARA**  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/  
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

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**LEGAL NOTICE**

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF OTERO COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

Due to the untimely death of Bill Stephenson of the NW District; the Board will, pursuant to the Bylaws, select a replacement Trustee. Please submit a letter of interest for the position and a resume by January 14, 2010. The Board will appoint a new Trustee within 60 days. Please deliver your information to trustees@ote-coop.com or mail to:

Carroll Waggoner, General Manager  
Otero County Electric Cooperative, Inc  
P.O. Box 227  
Cloudercroft, NM 88317

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## LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF LINCOLN IN THE PROBATE COURT PROBATE NO. 2389

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TROYH F. CHAFFIN, DECEASED

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

Dated: December 8, 2009.

A.M. Nunley III  
3300 North A Street, Suite 8-125  
Midland, Texas 79705  
(432) 683-5291

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## LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUTION NO 2009-21

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in a regular session on the 17th day of November 2009, has set the meeting dates for the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners shall meet at 8:30 A.M. in the Commission Chambers at the Lincoln County Courthouse, in Carrizozo, New Mexico, unless otherwise specified.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following regular meeting dates:

- |                            |                           |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Tuesday, January 12, 2010  | Tuesday, July 20, 2010    |
| Tuesday, February 16, 2010 | Tuesday, August 17, 2010  |
| Tuesday, March 16, 2010    | Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010   |
| Tuesday, April 20, 2010    | Tuesday, October 19, 2010 |
| Tuesday, May 18, 2010      | Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010    |
| Tuesday, June 15, 2010     | Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2010    |

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 17th day of November 2009.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Tom Battin, Chairman  
Eileen M. Sedillo, Vice Chair  
Dave Parks, Member  
Jackie Powell, Member  
Don Williams, Member

**ATTEST:**

Tammie J. Maddox, County Clerk

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## LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUTION NO. 2009-22

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in a regular session on the 17th day of November 2009, has approved and adopted the Official Holiday Calendar for Lincoln County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following as the Official Holiday Calendar for Lincoln County.

- \* Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday will be observed on Monday, January 18, 2010
- \* Presidents Day will be observed on Monday, February 15, 2010
- \* Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 2, 2010
- \* Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 31, 2010
- \* Independence Day will be observed on Monday, July 5, 2010
- \* Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 6, 2010
- \* Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 11, 2010
- \* Veteran's Day will be observed on Thursday, November 11, 2010
- \* Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 25, 2010 and Friday, November 26, 2010
- \* Christmas Day will be observed on Thursday, December 23, 2010 and Friday, December 24, 2010.
- \* New Year's Day will be observed on Friday, December 31, 2010

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 17th day of November 2009.

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Tom Battin, Chairman  
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Don Williams, Member

**ATTEST:**

Tammie J. Maddox, County Clerk

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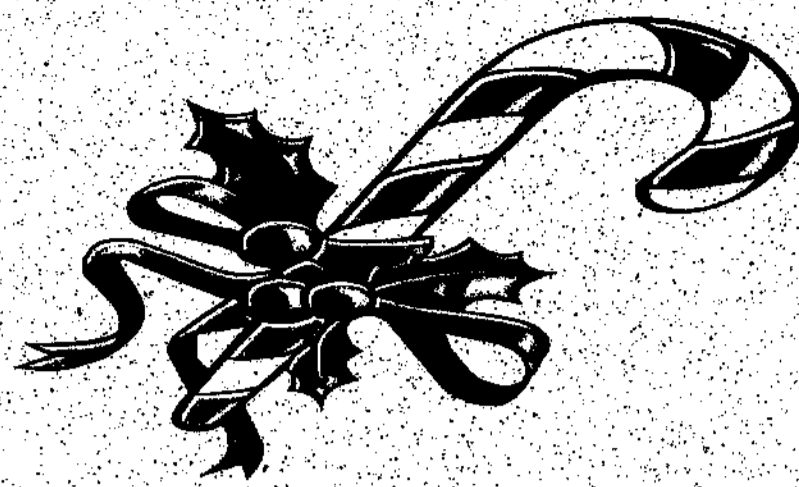


*A Blessed Christmas to All!*





# Letters to Santa



Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Please wish baby Jesus a happy birthday. I would like a drum set with a big bass drum and a stool and Three Muskateer Barbie stuff. I hope that every little boy and girl gets a toy for Christmas. Don't forget my sister she has been good this year also.  
Thank you Santa,  
Love,  
Maddi Richardson

Dear Santa,  
How are doing. You do not have to get me three things. But you can if you want. But here they are. Nintendo Ds, scooter, gutit. Not alecterik tow. I am going to give you cookies.  
Love Koelle

Dear Santa,  
This year I want wat ever you can get me but I want a nintendo Ds.  
Love terra

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy bear, I want a stuff girrafe  
Love Samantha

Dear Santa,  
I like your reindeer. I will love you some milk and cocose Santa. I want a nale printer Santa and I want a zoozoo pet.  
Love Nicola

Dear Santa,  
How are you? Here is my christmas list. I want a Nintendo D.s. And a P.s.p. I will leave the brownies next to our christmas tree.  
Love Drey

Dear Santa,  
Santa I beleev in you. I want a mini drt kicke and a mini for weeler.  
Love Colton

Dear Santa,  
I was whandering if you could get me a cha cha chyu, swing set, I will get you cococys and mild they will be by the cristmas tree. I love you santa,  
Love skyler,  
P.S. I also want a Bakugan

Dear Santa,  
I wish you can bring me new pants and a Nintendo Ds and a watch and a new skarf.  
Love Fabian

Dear Santa,  
Hey Santa, how is it going on the north Pole. It's it bad or good. Could you bring me a Nintendo D.S. and a Scooter.  
Love Omar,

Dear Santa,  
Hi Sonta or you doing Maby can I Nintendo Ds plies Santa Ho your reindeers Santa?  
Love Lizzie

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a puppy doctor and a puppy. I have been a good girl this year.  
Love,  
Ryleigh Lamb

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a doll I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Sarah Burch

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a Harley dirt bike. I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Johnny Rodriguez

Love,  
Johnny Rodriguez

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl can you please bring me a new outfit, some pampers and some formula. I hope Mrs. Claus is doing good.  
Love,  
Karissa Morerod

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a dirt bike. I have been good.  
Love,  
PJ Samora

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a horse I have been a good boy this year.  
Love,  
Grady Ivins

Dear Santa,  
I want a car for Christmas. I have been a good boy. Tell your elves than you for my toys.  
Love,  
Patrick Avila

Love,  
Patrick Avila

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good girl this year. Can you bring me some blocks and a new outfit. I will leave some cookies for you and some food for your reindeers. P/S can you find a cure for my brothers diabets Thank you Santa I love you.  
Love,  
Z'maury

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a truck. I have a good boy this year.  
Love,  
Kelvin Vega

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a doll. I have been a good girl. Also I want a truck.  
Love,  
Nevah Willis

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a surprise I have been a good boy.  
Love,  
Ty Roper

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a baseball and a bat. I have been a good boy this year. Can you bring Bret a frog and Kendra a doll.  
Love,  
Nate Morales

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a butterfly I been a lot of good.  
Love,  
Cayden Chavez

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a star and a scooter. I have been a little bit good.  
Love,  
Nate Morales

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a circle. I have been a good girl this year.  
Love,  
Isabel Lucero

Dear Santa,  
I want a wabbit and a dol hoose.  
Love,  
Gabby

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a dress with shoes to match my dress. I have been a good girl this year.  
Love,  
Emilly Hill

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby doll with a pink dress

I have been a good girl.  
Love,  
Ashley Burch

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a big house. I have been a good boy

Love,  
Collton King

Dear Santa,  
Want a books new big white boat DS and Wii, Pofter and a opa-pashine bebee bab ceullie wil bune bot, world cumputer and xbox and a to go to see rudof.  
Sincerely,  
Ali

Dear Santa,  
I want a phydo ice-cream for crismis and a dog that swims to play with how is rufolf? how are the elves say hi to Mrs. Claus.  
Love,  
Sydney

Love,  
Sydney

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a scooter and a baby stroller. I have been a good girl.

Love,  
Saryha Zamora

Dear Santa,  
I want a sprkle jepe, butr i can git it but i no what i cud git a fone and I could git sume batres

and i want a cet of satu missiseios and a set of the randers for food and for urecke hapee crismis how are you dooing santu. I love you mis santa  
I love you santa

Dear Santa,  
I want a Wii and a ntendoe ds. haoo is roodof and randr.  
Sincerely,  
Jacob

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dillon robot baby and a ds xbox and a rander nose and a fake bug, hase is roodf.  
Sincerely,  
Max

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a swimming pool. I have been good this year.  
Love,  
Hunter King

Love,  
Hunter King

Dear Santa,  
Can you please bring me a robot and a sword. I have been a good boy.

Love,  
Izaiiah Parkhurst

Dear Santa,  
I want a new bike and a DS and a Wii and a Big wotr gun and a x-box 360, and a gam box.  
Sincerely,  
Keegan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bible and a fake sord and a fish.

Sincerely,  
Michael

Dear Santa,  
I want for Crismis is X Box 360 and a in tendo DS, and a ipod tuch, and a warter gun, and a heBegun, and a Bonec shoes, and a wartr slide, and a warter traping, and s swimming pool, and Jonis Brothr play at my hoco.

Sincerely,  
Joanna

Dear Santa,  
I won't a ninteno and a doll haous and a doll and a wutr slide and a swimming pool and a wotr gun.

Sincerely,  
Suntana

Dear Santa,  
I won't a bick fro crismis and a ber for crismis and a tendo and a rander for yu.

Sincerely,  
Kaitlin

Dear Santa,  
I won't a drt Bike, I won't a x Box 306. I won't a PsP. I won't a fone. I won't a bebe gun 23. I won't a big fram-pling. I won't a slae. I won't a BeBe gun 22.

Sincerely,  
Ethnan

Dear Santa,  
I Want a Bike. I Wantg a nintendo DS. I want a X Box-360. I Want a POD tuch. I Want games.

Sincerely,  
Dalton



*The spirit of the season is in the air  
and the hearts of people everywhere --*

*A small child's eyes shining bright,  
A Christmas tree coloring the nightg.*

*Friends and family come together,  
brfinging a warmth to the chilly weather.*

*May your holidays by billed with love and cheer --*

*Merry Christmas and  
a Happy New Year!*



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## Season's Greetings

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Ruidoso Downs: 378-1124  
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# Sheriff's Report

The following information was taken from dispatch records in the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office, located in the Lincoln County courthouse in Carrizozo, December 5

4:36 p.m. Traffic hazard reported on Narrow Way in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:01 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:59 p.m. Fire burning without permit reported at location in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

December 6  
7:23 a.m. Information report at location on Little Creek Hills Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

7:50 a.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Little Creek Hills Road in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

8:07 a.m. Medical call at residence on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:00 a.m. Trespassing reported at L.C.D.C. on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

2:30 p.m. Dog reported running loose near intersection of Hwy 37 and Hwy 48 in Bonito, deputy dispatched.

5:05 p.m. Welfare check requested at mile marker 160 on Hwy 154 in Corona, deputy dispatched.

6:19 p.m. Information report at location on Hwy 48 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

7:48 p.m. Alarm reported at location in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

10:55 p.m. Welfare check requested at location on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

December 7  
1:11 a.m. Agency assistance requested at location on Hall Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

2:49 a.m. Fire reported at location on Water Spirit Trail in Alto, Bonito fire units, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and deputy dispatched.

5:54 a.m. Burglary reported at location on Hwy 54 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

6:49 a.m. Dog reported running loose on West Fourth Street in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

2:14 p.m. Medical call at residence on Pine Knot Trail in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

5:40 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Deer Valley Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.

8:22 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on Fifth Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

11:25 p.m. Medical call at residence on Cedar Street in Carrizozo, ALS ambulance dispatched.

December 8  
12:43 a.m. Alarm reported at residence in Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.

5:15 a.m. Alarm reported at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, Carrizozo emergency units dispatched.

7:05 a.m. Alarm reported at location on La Rinconada Lane in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

8:12 a.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on Lava Loop in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

8:41 a.m. Accident

reported at mile marker 1 on Hwy 220 in Alto, Bonito emergency units and ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

9:22 a.m. Alarm reported at location on El Sendro Trail in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:56 a.m. Fire reported at location on Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, Bonito fire units dispatched.

11:01 a.m. Agency assistance requested at mile marker 2 on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:57 a.m. Suspicious activity reported on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.

3:53 p.m. Warrant service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:15 p.m. Missing or lost person reported at location on Lamay Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

December 9  
12:05 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, police dispatched.

12:12 a.m. Medical call at residence on Picacho Road in Picacho, ambulance dispatched.

2:03 p.m. Harassment by phone reported from residence on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

2:24 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 380 and Tiger Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.

5:43 p.m. Traffic offenses reported at mile marker 18 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:47 p.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 380 and Tiger Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:55 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at Lincoln County Sheriff Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

7:31 p.m. Registered Sex Offender (total of six) checks reported at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

10:09 p.m. Medical call at residence on Mira Monte Road in Alto, Bonito emergency units and ALS ambulance dispatched.

December 10  
8:06 a.m. Disturbance reported at location on White Cat Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.

8:10 a.m. Dog reported running loose on East Second Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

8:15 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported on Tanglewood Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:01 p.m. Medical call at residence on Wrangler in Palo Verde, ALS ambulance dispatched.

5:11 p.m. Warrant service at intersection of Forest and Hwy 48 in Capitan, police dispatched.

5:48 p.m. Alarm reported at location on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

December 11  
11:29 a.m. Information report at location in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

11:47 a.m. Medical call at residence on Rue de Rue in Tinnie, ambulance dispatched.

2:07 p.m. Fire

reported at mile marker 4 on Hwy 247 in Corona, Corona fire units dispatched.

8:01 p.m. 911 open line at residence on Mira Monte in Alto, deputy dispatched.

9:36 p.m. Medical call at residence on Gunsmoke Court in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, ALS ambulance dispatched.

December 12  
6:14 a.m. Medical call at Carrizozo Health Center on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.

10:23 a.m. Information report at location on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

10:41 a.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

11:02 a.m. Agency assistance requested by Capitan police for vehicle stop at location on Hwy 380 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.

11:53 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Don Pablo Lane in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

1:07 p.m. Medical call on Main Street in Corona, ambulance dispatched.

3:45 p.m. Missing or lost person reported from location on Benavides Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

4:00 p.m. Dog reported running loose on West Third Street in Capitan, police dispatched.

5:56 p.m. Dog reported running loose near mile marker 284 on Hwy 70 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

7:04 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Calle de Placita in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.

8:19 p.m. Motor vehicle theft reported at residence on Aspen Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

December 13  
9:37 a.m. Fire reported at mile marker 112 on Hwy 54 south of Carrizozo, Carrizozo fire units and deputy dispatched.

10:40 a.m. Medical call at location on West Third Street in Capitan, ALS ambulance dispatched.

12:42 p.m. Medical call at location on West Third Street in Capitan, ambulance dispatched.

1:36 p.m. Criminal damage to property report-

ed at mile marker 284 on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

1:40 p.m. Abandoned vehicle reported at location on Everest in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:45 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Chisum Trail in Rancho Ruidoso Valley Estates, deputy dispatched.

2:11 p.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on 17th Street in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

4:34 p.m. Disturbance reported at business located on Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, police and deputy dispatched.

5:51 p.m. Medical call at location on Calle el Ojito in Hondo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

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