

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010!

Independent Since 1905

## Lincoln County News

Published Weekly from Beautiful Downtown Carrizozo, New Mexico

50c

VOLUME # 105 , NUMBER 52 THURSDAY, December 31, 2009 CARRIZOZO, NM 88301



**FORT STANTON SNOW SHADOWS** — Shadows cast an interesting pattern over the snow-covered grounds of the historic Fort Stanton monument as captured in this photograph taken by Mike Bilbo and provided courtesy of local historian Lynda Sanchez.

## Property Valuation System in Question

by Patrice Brazie

While new construction in Lincoln County continues to add to the property tax base here, changes to a law passed nine years ago by the state could affect those revenues in the future, according to Lincoln County Assessor Paul Baca.

"Within the past few months of this year, our appraisers have been out in the field calculating," Baca told the board of county commissioners on December 15th. "We've assessed 72 new homes for 6.5 million dollars (taxable value). We've checked 162 additions to residences for 1.8 million dollars and those are taxable numbers, so if you multiply them by three,

that's quite a bit of money," he added.

Eleven new commercial buildings have been assessed for 2.74 million dollars, and five additions or alterations to commercial buildings have been assessed for \$135,000.

"Since the last quarter of last year up to now, we've checked 382 sales. We must check the sales because this new law says we must put them at market, so one appraiser has checked the 382 at 1.1 million dollars that he's put on the tax rolls," Baca said. "We continue to add more value because they haven't finished calculating everything that they've checked."

The assessor told the county commissioners that there has been quite a

bit of correspondence going back and forth among assessors and the state regarding what he called the "tax lightening law" and a proposal by Bernalillo County Assessor Karen Montoya to roll back property values to create an equitable tax system for new home buyers.

State laws set a three-percent cap on property tax increases, but when a property is sold the taxes are brought up to rates that reflect current market values. Purchasers of new properties are sometimes faced with a 300 percent increase in taxes, and that situation has occurred in Lincoln County, Baca said. Two individuals in other counties have fought the "tax lightening law" in court and have had the law ruled unconstitutional in those cases.

"The judges say that applying a three-percent cap to all homes except those that have changed hands creates a separate class of people who pay more based on the arbitrary status of when they bought their homes," Baca said.

Montoya has proposed assessing homes purchased since 2002 at the three-percent cap for each year since the purchase, to establish an equi-

(Continued on P. 3)

## Eve Ball Highway Marker Installed

by Patrice Brazie

Eve Ball, local author, historian and preservationist for much of her life, was recently honored by having a historic marker dedicated to her achievements installed on Highway 380 between the Village of Capitan and the historic settlement of Lincoln.

Ball, who passed away in 1984 at the age of 94 years old, dedicated much of her life to working with Anglo, Hispanic and Apache pioneers of southern New Mexico and is said to have influenced the history of the region.

The highway marker honoring Ball was installed earlier this year, the 25th anniversary of her death, and is part of the New Mexico Historic Women's Marker Initiative founded by members of the New Mexico Women's Forum in an effort to recognize the contributions of women across the state.

According to Lynda Sanchez of Lincoln, who was asked to write up the nomination for Eve Ball by the Lincoln County Historical Society, "Lincoln County was once again in the forefront of this movement to get in their nominee. Our county manager, Tom Stewart, helped in this endeavor as

well. I attended a special gala at the Governor's Mansion about two years ago when Eve was one of 18 that had already been accepted.

"This initiative ensures that women's diverse histories and contributions will inspire and provide guidance for future generations," Sanchez said.

"The Legislature in 2006 funded the project. It was a wonderful surprise to see them installing the sign. I had worked with the State Highway Department trying to locate a place that would exemplify her spirit, would be visible and pay tribute to our outstanding selection. We drove by three sites, and this was the one that met the specifications and would also provide parking and space for tourists. Looking up the valley toward Fort Stanton toward Sierra Blanca, and to read about this remarkable woman is an awesome experience."

Sanchez said that a site near Ruidoso and closer to Ball's home was considered for the marker, but traffic, congestion and too many signs would have rendered it almost impossible to stop and read about Ball and the Women's Marker Initiative.

"Eve Ball is known to many residents of Lincoln County not only for her books and research, but for her warmth, generosity and love of the people and their unique, colorful history," Sanchez said.

A great big thanks to everyone for getting in copy, photos and such to us on time the last couple of weeks.

### The Book of Eli Opens January 15

The Book of Eli, a movie which was filmed partly in Carrizozo and Lincoln County this year, is opening on Friday, January 15th in Alamogordo and Albuquerque and other places.

There will be an event in Carrizozo on Saturday, January 16 to honor the movie.



LOCAL HISTORIANS and preservationists celebrated the installation of the Eve Ball commemorative marker on Highway 380 last month. Shown here at the site of the marker are Jon and Lynda Sanchez of Lincoln. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

## Tuesday, January 5 is Filing Day For Municipal Elections

People planning to be candidates in the municipal elections that will be held March 2 must file on Tuesday, January 5 to have their name on the ballot.

Filing will be held in the city hall of the municipality where the prospective candidate lives. Filers are required to have a certified copy of their voter registration from the county clerk when they file.

Municipal elections will be held in Capitan, Carrizozo, Corona, Ruidoso and Ruidoso Downs. Contact the city clerk in each of these municipalities for more information.



**City Bank**  
NEW MEXICO  
Carrizozo Branch • 1203 E. Avenue • 575-648-4298

**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 31, 2009**  
--New Year's Eve, drive carefully!

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 2010**  
--New Year's Day, governmental offices closed.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**  
--Filing day for candidates for municipal elections.  
--Lincoln County Land and Natural Resources Advisory Committee (LAN-RAC) meeting cancelled due to lack of agenda items.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**  
--Lincoln County Planning Commission 1:00 p.m. in Lincoln County Courthouse in Carrizozo. Agenda includes review of suggested meeting minutes changes and comprehensive plan implementation recommendations to the Lincoln County Commissioners.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**  
--Alto Lakes Special Zoning District Commission regular meeting 9:00 a.m. at Bonito Fire Dept.

*Happy  
New Year!!*



STAFF MEMBERS of the Lincoln County Clerk's office shared a tearful moment Tuesday last when Clerk Tammie Maddox (front left) announced that Deputy Clerk Loree Vallejos (front right) is retiring. (Photo by Patrice Brazio)

## C'zozo Christmas Lighting Contest Winners Announced

Winners of the Carrizozo Christmas Lighting contest will receive their awards at the chamber meeting at noon on Tuesday, January 12 at Four Winds Restaurant.

First place is Virginia Carbajal of 510 F Ave. She will receive a \$100 gift certificate which will be redeemable at any chamber member. Second place winners Rose and Steve Wheeler of 198 Lava Loop will receive a \$75 gift certificate redeemable at any chamber member. Third place went to Denise Swift of 211 Aspen, Denise will receive a \$50 gift certificate redeemable at any chamber member. The winner in the business category is Otero County Electric.

**Paul's  
New Mexican  
Take-Out**

6505 Hwy. 380, Carrizozo, NM  
575-648-2885

**Monday - Saturday**  
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Friday Evenings**  
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



**Great New Mexican Food**

**Be  
Safe  
During  
the  
Holiday.**

## OUR THANKS

to the individuals,  
organizations and business  
community who continue  
to support our village!

### CAPITAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2009-2010 Members

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Jean Cunningham                | Walton Stations NM       |
| Campbell's Country Classics    | Community Foundation of  |
| Flying W Diamond Ranch, Inc.   | Lincoln County           |
| Horsemen's Grill               | The Gunsmith Works       |
| The Sign Studio                | Fourth St. Mini Storage  |
| Ruidoso Septic                 | Capitan PTA              |
| H4 Dirt Work                   | KD Huey Company Drilling |
| Otero County Elec. Co-op.      | H&H Auto Body            |
| Lincoln County Realty          | Friends of the Capitans  |
| Healing Touch Journey          | Studio O                 |
| Little Angels Day Care         | Capitan Laundry          |
| Capitan Auto Repair            | M&M Self Storage         |
| Sacred Heart Catholic Church   | Pek-N-Paw Studio         |
| Superior Title Co.             | Promise Plumbing         |
| Dr. Bernhard Reimann           | Tommy McCoy Masonry      |
| Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse | Calamity Janes           |
| Phyllis and Harold McCaw       | Alpine Concrete LLC      |
| American Legion Post #57       | Ruidoso Cabins2rent.com  |
| First Federal Bank             | O' George & Helen Tippin |
| Lincoln County Mercantile      | Capitan Library          |
| Zia Natural Gas Co.            | Lone Tree Camps          |
| Mama Bear RV Park              | Adobe Soapworks          |
| Smokey Bear Restaurant         | Advanced Energy          |
| Chucks Tire Service            | Glenns Auto Body         |
| Steve McConnell Contractor     | Capitan Womens Club      |
| Nogal Mesa Ranchmen's          | El Capitan Apartments    |
| American Wildfire Suppression  | Smokey's Country Market  |
| O.A.T.H./Organized against     | Agri-Tourism Advisory    |
| Human Trafficking              | Council                  |
| Marilyn and Jef Quinnell       | Dave J. Parks            |
| El Paisano Wood and Stihl Saw  | Lincoln County Abstract  |
| Oso Art                        | Art Loop                 |
| Silk and Pearls                | Gems by Dennis           |
| Rio Ruidoso Realtors.Com       | Nancy S. Durnell         |
| Smokey Bear Historic Park      | Cheryl Barnett           |
- Stephen Barnett

*Capitan, A Lot to Like!*

### Capitan Chamber of Commerce

PO, Box 441 / Capitan, NM 88316 / 575-354-2273

E-mail: [CapitanCofC@aol.com](mailto:CapitanCofC@aol.com)

Visit us on the web at

[www.villageofcapitan.com](http://www.villageofcapitan.com)

*"Season's Greetings"*

# Property Valuation ...

(Continued from Page 1)

table tax rate in 2010. If Montoya's concept was implemented state-wide, taxable property values would likely become more equitable, but the entities that benefit from property tax collections, like public school districts, would lose revenue that is already budgeted.

"If our valuations decrease substantially, DFA (New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration) will increase the tax rates," Baca said. "If the tax rates are increased, the people that are capped are going to have a larger increase than they would have if the law hadn't been changed. One way or another, these entities that are collecting property tax are still going to get their tax dollars to operate."

Baca said that his office has already been involved in one protest hearing in which a property owner asked why his taxes couldn't be handled the same way as in Bernalillo County. Baca said he explained that he could not change the value of the property in question because the law has not been changed at the state level.

"This is supposed to be addressed in the legislature. Hopefully, they'll find some kind of a fix," Baca said. "I don't think anyone knows how we're going to fix it, but it's not equitable and it's not fair," he said. "If you think about it, the valuations are over the board and there's no equity to it. That's what's making people so angry."

# County Commissioners Approve Cell Tower Improvements

by Patrice Brazier

The Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, during its regular meeting of December 15th, approved a special use permit for Alltel Communications. The permit will grant the communications company an opportunity to add six additional cellular antennae and a microwave dish on an existing tower located along the Highway 70 corridor near Tinnie.

Mel Patterson, of The Center for Municipal Solutions in Albuquerque, handles the applications and inspection process of new and existing communication towers and briefed the county commissioners on the proposed plan to upgrade communication services in that area. He suggested that, should the county officials approve the special use permit, the approval be granted with certain conditions including the requirement to install emergency notification signage during the construction period.

County commissioner Dave Parks commented that use of an existing tower is a preferable alternative to erecting another new tower.

Patterson explained that, because the tower along Highway 380 was erected prior to the county's adoption of an ordinance regulating such installations, this new use will force the tower owners to come into compliance with the ordinance.

The new installation will improve cellular telephone service in the area, Patterson said.

Verizon is also in the process of improving and modifying its service coverage in the area as well.

County manager Tom Stewart has expressed his satisfaction in hiring Patterson's firm to handle the applications for cellular communications towers and modifications as well as safety inspections, stating that the fees and deposits required of the communications companies pay for any costs for services of

The Center for Municipal Solutions. Patterson took the lead for the county in the development of the county's lower ordinance.

The board of county commissioners unanimously approved the special use permit for Alltel



**George Tippin**  
 MAYOR  
 Village of Capitan  
 Phone 354-7021  
 Web: [myspace.com/george.tippin](http://myspace.com/george.tippin)  
 Email: [george.tippin@myspace.com](mailto:george.tippin@myspace.com)



Ad Paid For By George Tippin

## DISTRICT COURT CALENDAR

The Calendar for District Judge Karen Parsons

**Monday, December 28**  
 Judge Parsons Vacation

**Tuesday, December 29**  
 Judge Parsons Vacation

3:00 p.m. Drug Court Staffing  
 4:30 p.m. Drug Court  
 Darrell Brantley  
 10:00 a.m. DV-2009-02 (Obj to Dismissal)  
 11:00 a.m. DV-2007-78 (Mtn/Alleging Violation)  
 1:15 p.m. DV-2009-89 (TRO)  
 2:00 p.m. DV-2009-84 (Application/Modify)  
 Trailing - DV-2009-54 (Application/Modify)

**Wednesday, December 30**  
 Judge Parsons Vacation

**Thursday, December 31**  
 Judge Parsons Vacation  
 Court Closes at Noon.

**Friday, January 1, 2010**  
 Happy New Year!  
 Court Closed.

## OBITUARIES

### JOHN A. BUIE

John A. Buie, 99, of Alamogordo died at his home on December 27. Mr Buie was born May 11, 1910 in Cordell, Oklahoma. The Buie family moved to Otero County to the Clouderoft area in the Sacramento Mountains in 1914 by covered wagon.

Mr. Buie began his career with the Southern Pacific Railroad at the age of 13 as a water pumper. He worked for the railroad for 49 years during the Great Depression in towns throughout New Mexico including Clouderoft, Santa Rosa, Deming and Tucumcari.

In 2002, Mr. Buie was inducted into the Sacramento Mountain Historical Society as an "Old Timer". He was also a member of the Railroad Signal Men.

In 2005, the Alamogordo Daily News recognized Mr. Buie and his wife Edna for their lasting marriage. The couple had celebrated 64 years together.

Mr. Buie was preceded in death by; his wife, Edna Buie; daughter, Evelyn Rae Guess; and four grandchildren.

Survivors include two grandchildren; five great grandchildren; brothers; HW "Shorty" Buie and Marvin Buie and his wife Patricia of Caballo, NM; sisters, Julia Buie Robinson of Philonthom, Oregon and Jessie Buie Lewis of Susanville, California and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted today, Thursday, December 31st at 1:00 p.m. at Hamilton O'Dell Chapel with Charles Walker officiating. Pallbearers will be John M. Buie, Brian Stanbrough, Brandon Stanbrough, Justin Tucker, Casey Littlefield and Toby Littlefield. Honorary Pallbearers are Gary Buie, Kevin Buie, Michael Buie, Ronald Littlefield, Hayden Littlefield, Johnny and Cody Guess and Terry Buie.

### GOLDIE L. STIERWALT

Funeral services for Goldie L. Stierwalt, 83 of Ruidoso Downs, were December 24 at the Gateway Church of Christ with John Duncan officiating. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Goldie was born on February 15, 1926 in Ramona, Oklahoma and passed away on December 21 at her home in Ruidoso Downs. She grew up and went to school in Delaware, Oklahoma and graduated from Delaware High School. She and her husband moved to Ruidoso in 1952 and after two years moved to Ruidoso Downs. She was retired from, after 20 years, Lincoln County Medical Center as a unit secretary.

Goldie is survived by four children, Charlotte Briggs of Ruidoso Downs, Ronald Stierwalt of Aurora, Colorado, Darrel Stierwalt of Alto, and Janice Underwood of Central, Arizona; three brothers, four sisters, eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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



Lincoln County Medical Center

Introducing Lincoln County's newest internist, Alfred B. Varela, MD

Lincoln County Medical Center welcomes Internist Alfred B. Varela, MD, to our growing family of providers. Dr. Varela is no stranger to Lincoln County and New Mexico. He most recently worked in Santa Teresa as a staff physician at the Doctors of Santa Teresa Medical Clinic and as the Medical Director for the Santa Teresa Medical Care Center. Dr. Varela provides adolescent and adult medical care at our Internal Medicine Associates Clinic.

Dr. Varela completed his Internship and residency in internal medicine at Grant Hospital, in association with Rush Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital, in Chicago. He was Chief Resident in Internal Medicine from 1987 to 1988. Dr. Varela is bilingual in Medical Spanish.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Varela at Internal Medicine Associates, please call (575) 630-8350. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Internal Medicine Associates is a department of Lincoln County Medical Center and Presbyterian

[www.phs.org/leinc](http://www.phs.org/leinc)

**PRESBYTERIAN**

**Subscribe to the**

Since 1905 **Lincoln** Since 1905

# County News

*'The Newspaper for All of Lincoln County'*



**P.O. Box 459**  
**Carrizozo, NM 88301**

**or Call:**  
**575.648.2333**



Always Be Fire Safe

Support Our Local Firefighters and EMTs!

**THOUGHTS**

From the Editor's Desk

**Happy New Year! -- Resolutions?**

By Ruth Hammond

Should the children get the blame? We heard that the 4th snowstorm to hit the Sacramentos in less than two months, with Lincoln County in the midst of the weather, is the result of el nino or la nina, which ever you choose at any given moment. And since nino is boy and nina is girl, apparently not full grown, maybe they caused the weather disturbances we've had in less than 60 days. Wow, what comes next?

As of yesterday morning, another storm was headed to the state, though weathercasters were vague as to where it would hit, probably up north. Then next week there is the possibility of more snow. It has been strange to have four snow storms in less than two months because usually only one a year hits the entire county. And it doesn't last that long. Some residents are saying one of the main reasons they moved to the high plains was infrequent snowfall.

Fortunately, there isn't a thing anyone can do about the weather. The one thing that most people are doing right now is making a list of those New Year resolutions, mostly ones that weren't fulfilled last year. Maybe the person writing the list thinks this may be a better year for doing things on the list. If you have a list, you might want to consider adding a few things such as smiling more often, spreading good cheer instead of being grumpy, and being happy. The news on TV this past week is about military who are home for the holidays. Be happy that they are safe and have a few more days to be with their families.

Even if you don't have a close family member home from being overseas, be glad for those who do. During World War II most military didn't get to come home during the fighting unless they were injured. It was a long four or five years for many families to go without seeing their loved one. The military appears to be granting leaves more often now. That is great.

The next thing you should do is reinvent the resolution list. If you want to lose weight or eat more healthy or stop smoking, resolve to take it one step at a time, not try to do everything at once. If weight loss is your goal, remember that it didn't appear overnight and it will take time, much time, to lose the weight. If eating healthy is your goal, just do it, whenever you are about to eat junk food or not needed sweet, stop and consider why you want to change eating habits.

Yes, some people keep their lists private and may or may not tell if resolutions were successful. One thing to remember is have a Happy New Year!

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY**

The Lincoln County News welcomes letters to the editor and acknowledges that any letters printed herein represent the personal opinion of the writer, and do not necessarily reflect the editorial opinion of the Lincoln County News.

To be considered for publication, all letters must be original. No copies or form letters will be used. While preference is given to letters received in digital format, typed or hand-written letters, if legible, are also considered. Letters sent by email as an attached Microsoft Word document are most preferred.

Letters must be signed by the writer with the author's full name, address and telephone number. Only the writer's name and city of residence will be published.

"Thank You Letters" are considered as advertising and will not be accepted as Letters to the Editor.

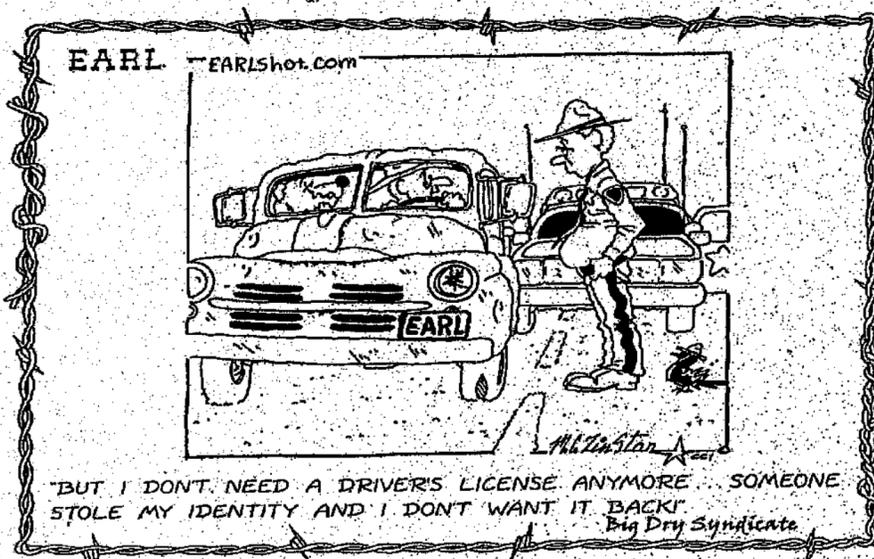
Consideration will be given to letters of any length, but those of 300 words or less are preferred. All letters are subject to editing for length, grammar, spelling and reader interest.

Electronic submissions should be sent to news@tularosa.net. Letters can be hand-delivered to our office in Carrizozo or mailed to:

**LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS**  
309 Central Avenue  
P.O. Drawer 459  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
Ph. 575.648.2333

Lincoln County News  
USPS 313460  
THE LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS  
is published on Thursdays at  
309 Central Ave., Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301  
POSTMASTER:  
Send address changes to  
Lincoln County News, P.O. Drawer 459, Carrizozo, NM 88301.  
Ruth Hammond and Peter Aguilar co-publishers  
Subscription Rates:  
IN COUNTY: 1 Year \$30.00, 2 Years \$55.00  
IN STATE: 1 Year \$33.00, 2 Years \$61.00  
OUTSIDE NM: 1 Year \$37.00, 2 Years \$69.00

**Editorials/Opinion & Other Stuff**



**\* Inside the Capitol**

By Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Disagreements between Gov. Bill Richardson and the Legislature are making state budget cutting even more traumatic. Both sides are pushing hard on the limits of their authority to get the upper hand on what will be cut.

Our state constitution created a weak governor in order not to put too much power in any one person's hand. But it does give the governor line-item veto authority. Gov. Richardson has been using that power to its fullest extent.

The clash between Richardson and Legislature has created some big questions. We know the governor cannot use his veto pen to increase an appropriation. Only the Legislature can appropriate.

But does the governor have the authority to decrease a budget cut? That is what he did when he line-item vetoed the Legislature's 7.6 percent in spending for his agencies and then issued an executive order imposing lesser cuts.

And how much authority does Gov. Richardson have when he issues executive orders? He has vetoed several other bills in the past and then issued an executive order doing it his way. Eventually a court may have to decide that issue.

We also know that a governor cannot spend more than the Legislature appropriates for any item in the budget. His executive agency must make a special budget adjustment request of the Legislative Finance Committee before it can spend more.

But we also know that a governor can spend less on a budget item than the Legislature appropriates. Gov. Gary Johnson was famous for doing that? The big question now is whether a governor can cut less than the Legislature cut. That may have to go to court too.

Gov. Richardson used the same strategy to reduce the number of political appointees the Legislature directed him to cut. The Legislature wanted him to axe 102 appointees. Richardson line-item vetoed the language and vowed to cut 84

appointees. Richardson accuses the Legislature of micromanaging state government. Lawmakers say he is overstepping his constitutional authority.

Since the governor gets the last word, the court system is the only place the Legislature can go to make its case. It has been done before and the Legislature usually has prevailed.

During Richardson's seven years in office, lawmakers have tended to give him the benefit of the doubt. Will that continue or will they decide it is time to make a stand?

Evidence is building that lawmakers are reaching the end of their rope. Filing a lawsuit has been discussed. In all likelihood, it would go to the state Supreme Court on an expedited basis.

As promised, Gov. Richardson has appointed a Budget Balancing Task Force to consider means of plugging the ever-enlarging hole in the state's budget. The group will provide the governor with pros and cons of various funding options.

The task force has met four times in Albuquerque, Las Cruces, Santa Fe and Farmington. It held its final meeting on Dec. 17 in Santa Fe. Its final report went to Richardson on Dec. 21. The final two meetings were being webcast in order to assure the public that there were no secrets.

The task force has no lawmakers, contrary to Richardson's original statement of intent and the group's report will contain no recommendations.

Legislative leaders contend that the Budget Balancing Task Force is merely intended to give Richardson ammunition to raise taxes and that the emphasis should be on expenditure cuts.

It appears there will be even less effort to reach any agreement between the governor and legislature than there was before the recent special session.

The likelihood of seeing a replay of the special session and its aftermath becomes stronger every day and so does the possibility of seeing all this in court before it is over.

cloudy, with a high near 47, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.

**Tuesday, January 5**  
A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 45, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

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

**Today,**  
**New Years Eve, Thursday, December 31**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 38, west winds between 10 and 20 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 18, northwest winds around 5 mph becoming calm.

**New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**  
Sunny, with a high near 46, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

**Saturday, January 2**  
Sunny, with a high near 47, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22.

**Sunday, January 3**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

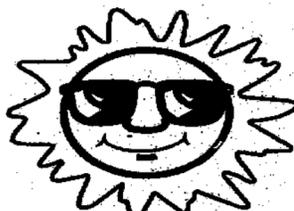
**Monday, January 4**  
A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 42, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 21.

**Tuesday, January 5**  
A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a high near 42, night: A fair chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 20.

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

The New Mexico Highways Department has developed a new 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](http://www.nmroads.com) for any area of the state.



**Weather Report**

by Jeff Hammond

Moon in a season which has four.

Ski Apache is currently operating 8 of 11 ski lifts, 52 of 55 trails are open for skiing and snowboarding. Currently there is approximately 34 inches of packed powder at the lower elevations and 36-38 of powder/packed powder at the higher elevations.

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

**Today,**  
**New Years Eve, Thursday, December 31**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 45, northwest winds between 5 and 10 mph, night: Mostly clear,

with a low around 18, north winds around 5 mph becoming calm.

**New Year's Day, Friday, January 1**  
Sunny, with a high near 46, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 23.

**Saturday, January 2**  
Sunny, with a high near 50, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24.

**Sunday, January 3**  
Mostly sunny, with a high near 49, night: A slight chance of snow showers, mostly cloudy, with a low around 23.

**Monday, January 4**  
A slight chance of snow showers, mostly

**Cong. Teague In Capitan and C'zozo, Sun., Jan. 3**

New Mexico Congressman Harry Teague will be in Capitan and Carrizozo Sunday, January 3 to meet with the public.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and meet with Congressman Teague one on one to share their thoughts and questions with him and to learn more about how his office can help them solve problems with federal agencies.

He will be at Capitan City Hall from 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 3.

He will be at Carrizozo Town Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sunday, January 3.

# 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 14**  
 7:45 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Main Road in Capitan, police dispatched.  
 7:47 a.m. Welfare check requested for person sitting in car on the outskirts of Carrizozo on Hwy 380, deputy dispatched.  
 8:02 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Laughing Horse Trail in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 8:17 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 9:50 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 220 in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 11:53 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Sunset Mesa Road in Nogal, deputy dispatched.  
 12:17 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance dispatched.  
 2:32 p.m. Accident reported at Alto Post Office on Hwy 48 in Alto, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.  
 4:01 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Fire Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 4:55 p.m. Agency assistance requested by Ruidoso Downs police at location on Inspiration Heights in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.  
 8:01 p.m. Welfare check requested Ruidoso Downs police at residence on Downs Drive in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.  
**December 15**  
 7:15 a.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Deer Park Drive in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 12:40 p.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported at mile mark-

er 15 on Hwy 48 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 2:19 p.m. Littering or illegal dumping reported on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.  
 3:43 p.m. Search warrant service at location on West Smokey Bear Boulevard in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 5:19 p.m. Domestic battery reported resulting in agency assistance requested at residence on Water Canyon Road in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.  
 5:38 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.  
 7:17 p.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at residence on Via la Capilla in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.  
 8:06 p.m. Runaway juvenile reported from location on Hwy 380 in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
**December 16**  
 9:19 a.m. Fire reported at location on 18th Street in Carrizozo, fire units dispatched.  
 10:22 a.m. Registered Sex Offender (5 total) checks at the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) located in the Lincoln County Courthouse (LCC) on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 11:39 a.m. Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) violation reported at location on CR 006 in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 2:47 p.m. Police presence/stand-by requested at location on El Ojito Road in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.  
 3:39 p.m. Dog reported running loose on El Valle Loop in San Patricio, deputy dispatched.  
 6:29 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 276 on Hwy 70 in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.  
 7:04 p.m. Welfare check requested at resi-

dence on West Second Street in Capitan, police dispatched.  
**December 17**  
 8:19 a.m. Welfare check requested at location on Hwy 380 in Lincoln, deputy dispatched.  
 9:17 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Don Pablo Lane in Hondo, deputy dispatched.  
 11:39 a.m. Fire reported at intersection of Hwy 48 and Airport Road in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.  
 12:56 p.m. Medical call at residence on Lava Loop in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 3:48 p.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 4:40 p.m. Medical call at New Horizons on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 5:01 p.m. Fire reported at location on Country Club Drive in Alto, Bonito fire units and deputy dispatched.  
 7:37 p.m. Disturbance reported at location on E Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.  
 8:00 p.m. Warrant service at location on Aspen in Capitan, police dispatched.  
 10:10 p.m. Accident reported at mile marker 155 on Hwy 54 in Corona, Corona emergency units, ambulance and deputy dispatched.  
 10:38 p.m. Suspicious activity by person(s) in vehicle reported at location on Patsy Drive in Capitan, police dispatched.  
**December 18**  
 7:37 a.m. Accident reported at location on Bancroft in Capitan, police and ambulance dispatched.  
 8:10 a.m. Medical call at residence on E Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 8:35 a.m. Registered Sex Offender check at LCSO located in the LCC on Central

Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 9:52 a.m. Warrant service at location on Brazel Ranch in Capitan, deputy dispatched.  
 12:25 p.m. Warrant service at Magistrate Court located in the LCC on Central Avenue in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 2:34 p.m. Alarm reported at location on Musketball in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

3:55 p.m. Criminal damage to property reported at location on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.  
 4:09 p.m. Suspicious activity reported at location on Gomez Loop in Glencoe, deputy dispatched.  
 5:20 p.m. Trespassing reported at location on Benavides Road in Hondo, deputy dispatched.  
 5:57 p.m. Warrant

service at Lincoln County Detention Center (LCDC) on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.  
 7:38 p.m. Medical call at residence on Brick Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.  
 10:59 p.m. Medical call at intersection of Mechem and Cedar Creek in Ruidoso, ALS ambulance dispatched.  
 December 19  
 1:40 a.m. Agency

(Continued on P. 8)

**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"

## Lincoln County CHURCH DIRECTORY

- MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH**  
 SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY  
 NOGAL PRESBYTERIANA 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 a.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 Saocia, Minister 849-1402  
 Second Sunday of Each Month . . . 9:00 a.m.

## Carrizozo Grizzly Basketball Schedule

Varsity Boys & Girls JV Boys / Mid High Boys & Girls

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

\*District Games

**LEGALS**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

RESOLUTION #4 -- 2010  
CARRIZOZO SOIL & WATER  
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

**OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

Whereas, Section 10-15-1 (B) of the Open Meetings Act (Section 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) 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, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, are declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, any meetings 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 Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Carrizozo Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors on this 8th day of December, 2009 that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Carrizozo SWCD shall ordinarily be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the NRCS Office located on Twelfth street Carrizozo, NM. A proposed agenda will be available at the office. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing. Notice of regular meetings will be released seven days before each regular meeting. Meeting dates for 2010 are: January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9, December 14 (unless otherwise published in paper).

2.) Special meetings of the Carrizozo SWCD may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. The Ruidoso News and Lincoln County News will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the district are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon three hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone. Notice of emergency meetings will be posted at the district office, at the Post Office in Carrizozo, at Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo, and other places deemed appropriate.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA 1978, the Carrizozo SWCD may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion of action is included in Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1(E) NMSA, such closure: (1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting. The vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting;

**LEGALS**

and (2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the closed meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstance, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the members and to the general public.

Melvin Johnson, Chairman Date: 12-16-09

This resolution passed upon motion by Steve Harkey and second by Jack Allen Davidson, with vote as follows:

Melvin Johnson, Yes Jim Grider, Absent  
Gray Gallacher, Yes Jack Allen Davidson, Yes  
Steve Harkey, Yes

ATTEST: Barbie Roper Date: 12-16-09

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 31, 2009.

**LEGAL NOTICE**

RESOLUTION #1 -- 2010

**OPEN MEETINGS RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, section 10-15-1(B) of the Open Meetings Act (Sections 10-15-1 through 10-15-4 NMSA 1978) 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, commission or other policy-making body of any state agency held for the purpose of formulating public policy, discussing public business or for the purpose of taking any action within the authority of such board, commission or other policy-making body, declared to be public meetings open to the public at all times; and

WHEREAS, Any meetings 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 Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District to determine annually what constitutes reasonable notice of its public meetings;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District on this 9th day of December, 2009, that:

1.) Regular meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District shall ordinarily be held each month at 1:30 PM on the second Wednesday of each month at 1011 S. Atkinson. A propose agenda will be available from the District Clerk whose office is located 1011 S. Atkinson, Roswell, New Mexico. Notice of regular meetings will be given seven (7) days before the meeting to parties who request it in writing.

2.) Special meeting of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon seven (7) days notice. Parties who have requested notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.

3.) Emergency meetings of the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District are meetings called under circumstances which demand immediate action by the Board of Supervisors. Although the Board of Supervisors would avoid emergency meetings whenever possible, such circumstances may occasionally arise. Emergency meetings may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members upon four (4) hours notice. Parties who have requested a notice of meetings in writing will be notified by telephone.

4.) Pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA 1978, the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District may close a meeting to the public if the subject matter of such discussion or action is included in Subsection E of the Open Meetings Act, Section 10-15-1 NMSA 1978. If any Board of Supervisors meeting

is closed pursuant to Section 10-15-1 (E) NMSA, such closure:

(1) if made in an open meeting, shall be approved by a majority vote of a quorum of the Board of Supervisors and authority for the closure shall be stated in the motion calling for the vote on a closed meeting shall be taken in an open meeting and the vote of each individual member is to be recorded in the minutes. Only those subjects announced or voted upon prior to closure by the Board of Supervisors may be discussed in a closed meeting; and

(2) if called for when the Board of Supervisors is not in an open meeting, the close meeting shall not be held until public notice, appropriate under the circumstances, stating the specific provision of law authorizing the closed meeting is given to the member and the general public.

Passed by the Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District this 9th day of December, 2009.

Aubrey Dunn Jr.  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Chaves Soil and Water Conservation District

December 9, 2009

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 31, 2009.

**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 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.

Published in the Lincoln County News on Thursday, December 17, 24, 31, 2009; and January 7, 2010.

**SEARCHING FOR THAT PERFECT GIFT?**

A mule is cheaper than a weekend in Las Vegas, will probably eat whatever grows in your back yard (or your neighbor's, has few or maybe no moving parts and the upkeep is a lot less than junior's car.

You can purchase a mule for around four or five hundred things ain't like they used to be far as mule prices are concerned and this special gift probably won't be any more stubborn than some of the people around the Lincoln County News. Sure would be a surprising gift if you could sneak your mule into the living room come Christmas morning.

If, after you have considered all the many advantages of a gift mule, and you finally decide that maybe this isn't exactly for you -- consider the Lincoln County News as a special gift. The News doesn't eat a thing, doesn't smell, won't frighten your neighbors much, and has many uses after you've passed your copy around among many friends and relatives.

The NEWS is 'different' in many ways. It's strictly a local newspaper, all about people of Lincoln County and surrounding areas, with pictures of people doing their thing in this great big county. And it's a bargain.

Send your subscription to  
**Lincoln County News**  
P.O. Drawer 459  
Carrizozo, NM 88301  
or Call 575-648-2333



**CONSIDER A MULE.**



**Wishing all of our  
Advertisers  
Readers  
and Friends**

**A PROSPEROUS  
AND**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

**Lincoln County  
News and Staff**  
*Starting our 106th Year*

**Published Weekly (Thursday)  
309 Central Ave.  
Carrizozo, NM 88301**

**Phone 575-648-2333**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT**  
**STATE OF NEW MEXICO**  
**COUNTY OF LINCOLN**

No. CV-09-91  
 Div. III

CITY BANK NEW MEXICO, a New Mexico Banking Corporation,  
 Plaintiff,

-v-  
 CURRIER DEVELOPMENT CO., L.L.C., an Arizona Limited Liability Company, R. VICTOR CURRIER, JR., a/k/a RALPH VICTOR CURRIER, JR., DENIE A. PARKER, FINANCE PLUS, INC., a Texas Corporation, TOMAHAWK ACQUISITIONS, LLC, an Arizona Limited Liability Company, and RICK USREY and DIXIE USREY, d/b/a USREY DRILLING AND PUMP SERVICE, a Sole Proprietorship,  
 Defendants.

**AMENDED NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that on January 27, 2010, at 10:00 A.M., at the front entrance to the Village of Ruidoso Municipal Building located at 313 Cree Meadows Drive in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the undersigned Special Master will offer at public sale and sell the following described real property to the highest bidder for cash:

Tract 2, as shown by the Claim of Exemption Boundary Survey Plat, a tract of land being the NE/4 NW/4 of Section 30, Township 9 South, Range 14 East, N.M.P.M., Lincoln County, New Mexico, filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, New Mexico, on April 24, 2008, in Cabinet J, Slide No. 101.

The property may be accessed by an easement off Laughing Horse Trail that crosses Lot 20 of Fort Stanton Ranchettes in Lincoln County, New Mexico.

The Special Master's sale will be conducted pursuant to the Amended Stipulated Judgment, Decree of Foreclosure, Order of Sale and Appointment of Special Master entered by this Court on December 22, 2009, in an action for collection of Plaintiff's Promissory Notes and foreclosure of Mortgages.

Plaintiff's Judgment directed foreclosure of the real property to satisfy the following Judgment liens:

a) Judgment lien of Plaintiff City Bank New Mexico	
Principal, interest and late fees through 01/27/10	\$142,939.40
Costs of suit	464.17
Attorney fees	3,945.94
Special Master's fee	296.48
	<b>\$147,645.99</b>

b) Judgment lien of Defendants Rick Usrey, Dixie Usrey and Usrey Drilling and Pump Service:

Damages and costs through 12/28/09	\$ 20,769.33
------------------------------------	--------------

In addition to the Judgment liens referred to above, there will be accruing costs, including costs of publication of this notice.

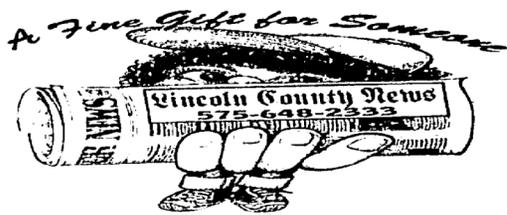
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Special Master may continue the date of sale without republishing this Notice of Sale by appearing on the date and time designated in this notice and announcing the postponement to another specific date.

Sarah Prothro, Special Master

LEE GRIFFIN & ASSOCIATES, P.C.

By: Lee Griffin  
 1044 Mechem Drive  
 Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345  
 (575) 258-9404  
 Attorney for Plaintiff

Published in the Lincoln County News on December 31, 2009; January 7, 14 and 21, 2010.



Get the **MOST**  
 FOR YOUR  
**ADVERTISING**  
**DOLLAR**

----- at the -----

**LINCOLN**  
**COUNTY**  
**NEWS**

Check out our  
**REASONABLE**  
**PRICES**

**CALL:**  
**575-648-2333**

**FAST ACTION**  
**Lincon County News**  
**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Call 575-648-2333

**WANTED...**  
**A Grocery Store in Carrizozo**

**ELSIE'S FLAME CHARBROILED BURGERS, HOMEMADE ENCHILADAS AND BURRITOS, HOT DOGS, SANDWICHES, FRESH SALADS, ICE CREAM, SHAKES, FLOATS AND SODAS. CARRIZOZO 380@ 54, VISIT US SOON. LOCAL BUSINESS DELIVERY 648-4200.**

FURNISHED one bedroom Casita for rent \$325 per month plus electric and gas. Individual Artist studios from \$85 to \$150 per month all utilities included. Call Gallery 408 at 575-648-2598.

4tc/11/24-1/14

tfn

**ALFALFA FOR SALE**  
 --All grades, from \$4 to \$6 per bale, Sudan grass \$4.

Call 505-507-5153

4tc/12/10-31

**ALL AMERICAN STORAGE**

Now renting units in Carrizozo

575-937-1061  
 575-973-0237

**FOR SALE** -- Alfalfa, small and large square bales, round bales. Various qualities.

The Hay Ranch  
 In Roswell.  
 575-973-2200

4tc/8/13-9/3

**Wishing Everyone a Great Year!!**

**Sheriff's Report . . .**

(Continued from Page 5)

assistance requested at location in Ruidoso Downs, deputy dispatched.

10:09 a.m. Dog reported running loose on Delana Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

10:14 a.m. Civil dispute reported at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police dispatched.

11:13 a.m. Information report at location on Mechem Drive in Ruidoso, deputy dis-

patched.  
 12:12 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

12:46 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on D Avenue in Carrizozo, police and deputy dispatched.

1:19 p.m. Agency assistance requested at mile marker 7 on Ski Run Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

2:22 p.m. Medical call at location on Ski Run

Road in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

2:28 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Mountain Pass in Capitan, police dispatched.

6:05 p.m. Dog reported running loose on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

6:37 p.m. Medical call at residence on Alamo Canyon Road in Hondo, ambulance dispatched.

**December 20**  
 10:34 a.m. Dog reported running loose on

Gavilan Canyon Road in Ruidoso, deputy dispatched.

1:06 p.m. Warrant service at LCDC on Air Port Road in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

6:11 p.m. Fire reported at location on Crown Ridge Road in Alto, Bonito fire units dispatched.

7:18 p.m. Welfare check requested at residence on West Grandview in Capitan, police dispatched.

**CLASSIFIED AD FORM**

YOUR NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**I WOULD LIKE MY AD TO RUN**  
 (Check appropriate box for number of weeks.)

1

2

3

4

5

6

**Here's What I Would Like to Say**

\$6.00 per week for 20 words or less\*


\* Add 10 cents per word for each word over 20

Cost of Ad \_\_\_\_\_

Tax (.0625) \_\_\_\_\_

Total \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Or Bring To:  
**LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS**  
 P.O. Drawer 459  
 309 Central Avenue  
 Carrizozo, NM 88301  
 Phone or FAX 575-648-2333