

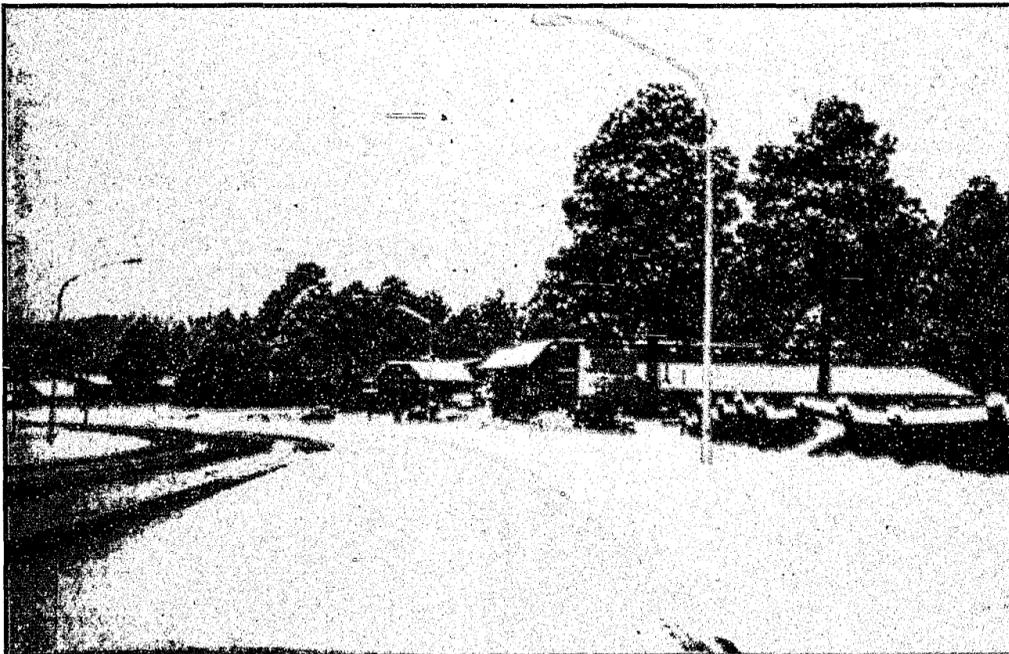
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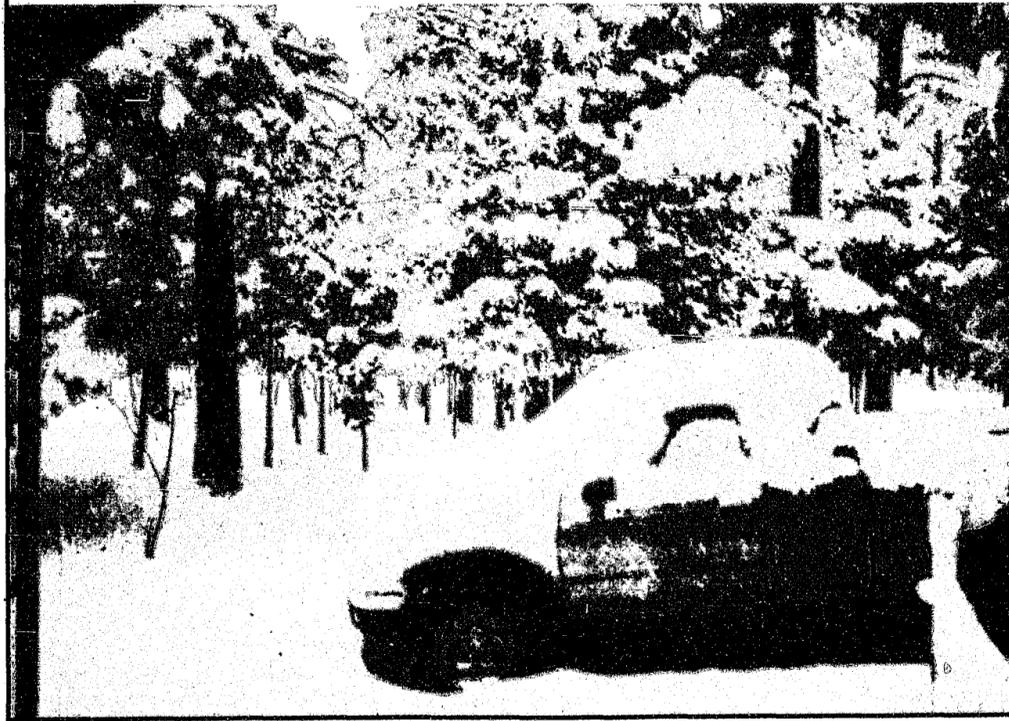
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MORE SNOW -- Most of New Mexico and Lincoln County received additional snow for the Christmas holidays as one can see on this photo (top) driving down Mechem in Ruidoso near Innsbrook Village past Ruidoso Police Department. Photo taken Thursday, December 22. Bottom photo gives you an idea of how much snow came down in Sun Valley near Alto area. (Photos courtesy Sam E. Chavez)



County Seeks Public Input on Redistricting

by Patrice Brazie

Members of Lincoln County's Board of Commissioners want a little more time to think about the redistricting plan they approved in November.

When the resolution to make that plan official and permanent came up for adoption during the board's December 20th meeting, county commissioner Mark Doth admitted frankly that he had been confused about exactly what he was approving in November, and said he'd liked to look a little closer at the plan and some options.

"I guess I really needed more time to really see the distinction between the two options that you were presenting to us," Doth told county clerk Rhonda Burrows. "I was confused on option E, that it separated the historical boundary in Capitan from two areas of representation to one area of representation. I felt a little uncomfortable about doing that, in retrospect, so I wanted to give all options a thorough airing, and voice my confusion, so that in moving forward we do the right thing," he said. "I would like to reconsider my vote on that issue."

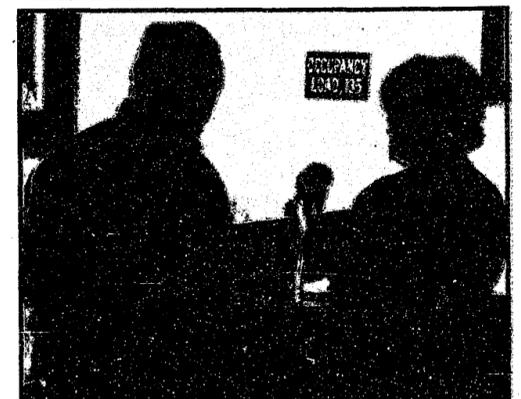
County commissioner Kathryn Minter said that, since the county board's November decision on redistricting, she has heard from a lot of Capitan residents that supported the change it would bring, placing all of the Village of Capitan in the same district instead of continuing to divide the village among two districts.

"I've heard from many Capitan people who like being together, because they felt like their votes were being watered-down before, and now they have a better voting-block," Minter said. "If they want to put up a member for a commission position, they have a better way of doing it."

Burrows told the board of commissioners that she might have done a better job explaining the redistricting options to the public as well as the county commissioners, but public hearings on the issue drew very few members of the public.

Burrows has scheduled a town hall meeting to discuss redistricting options with all who are interested. The meeting will take place at the Village Hall in Capitan at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January, 3rd.

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LINCOLN COUNTY Road Superintendent Albert Hernandez was recognized and thanked for his service during the December 20th meeting of the board of county commissioners. Hernandez worked for the county from August, 1985 until the 23rd of this month. He is shown here with the county's new manager Nita Taylor.

Hernandez introduced each member of the road department, including Carl Palmer, the new road superintendent, who Hernandez said he has known for almost 20 years. "I think he's going to bring the county road department a great deal of help," Hernandez said of Palmer. "He's worked with paving and road construction. I think you guys are really going to like him," Hernandez said. "Thank you all for letting me be a part of your lives," he told the road workers. "A lot of you guys, I've seen your little babies. They started small and now they're great big kids. You guys made me look good," he said. (Photo by Patrice Brazie)

Cuts Affect Extension Service

by Patrice Brazie

Budget cuts at the federal level continue to affect local programs across the nation, including places like Lincoln County.

Last week, during the December 20th regular meeting of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners, Cooperative Extension Agent Pete Gnatkowski reported on how a reduced budget is affecting the county's extension office.

"I want to make the commission aware of a situation that we are not very happy about," Gnatkowski began, as he passed around copies of a letter to the county commissioners.

"The cooperative extension service funding has been cut by about 22 percent, nearly a quarter in the last three years,"

he said. "The extension administration is making every effort to not let anyone go, but in the letter they mention downsizing and combining responsibilities and things like that. We didn't realize it was going to affect us in Lincoln County," he said.

Gnatkowski said his office had recently received a visit from his "bosses", who proposed to transfer the service's home economist from the Lincoln County office to Eddy County.

"They base this decision on population of counties and the number of agents in each county," Gnatkowski said. "In our county we have two. They are moving 11 people around in the state, moving them to different counties," he said. "They didn't really look at the quality, what

we do within the county, the number of people in the county that actually use our services, the quality of the programs or the difficulty that some counties have in acquiring funding."

Gnatkowski said that the extension office employees in Lincoln County have always felt very fortunate because the county has always supported their programs.

"During the budget hearings, I mentioned the fact that we've had a presence here in Lincoln County for 94 years," he said.

"As I said, the proposal is to move (the home economist) and we're very dismayed about this. It's not totally set in stone right now because they have offered an early buy-out retirement to people. Through attri-

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Lincoln County Calendar of Events

MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS

--Free GED classes 6 to 8 p.m. Carrizozo School Library

TUESDAYS

--Village of Corona Public Library Children's Story Hour 1:30 - 2 p.m. Open to all area kids age Kindergarten - 2nd Grade. Call the Library at 849-5513 for information and directions.

--Capitan Public Library preschool story hour 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

--Preschool Story time 10:30 a.m. at the Village of Ruidoso Public Library. January 4 will be snow/snowman stories. The craft will be powdered sugar donut snowman.

--Carrizozo First Baptist Church takes orders for Angel Food Ministries 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAYS

--Gambler's Anonymous open meeting 7:15 p.m. at Mescalero Reformed Church, 336 Wardlaw Drive in Mescalero. Call Mike at 575-682-6200 for information.

FRIDAYS

--Trinity United Methodist Church in Carrizozo open 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. for come and go silent prayer, brown bag lunch optional.

EVERY THIRD THURSDAY

--Village of Corona Public Library 3 to 4 p.m. pre-school story hour, stories, activities, crafts, snacks. Call Betty Ann at 849-3277 for info.

FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

--Representative from State Engineer's office is at Ruidoso Village Hall from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

--Roadrunner Food Bank in Carrizozo at Assembly of God Church for general public 1-3 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.

SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

--Food pantry for those age 55 and older at Assembly of God Church in Carrizozo 12 noon to 2:00 p.m.

THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

American Legion Post #11, Wells Fargo Bank in Carrizozo 9:00 a.m.

FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

--Food pantry for age 54 and younger at Assembly of God Church in Carrizozo 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

--New Year's Eve.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

--Happy New Year! Remember to change the date on checks.

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

--Lincoln County Courthouse closed for holiday.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

--Democratic Party of Lincoln County 6 p.m. at K Bob's in Ruidoso. Those who wish to eat before the meeting can come between 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. and order from the menu. The program will be a presentation and discussion of the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) movement, its history, direction, and connection to other protest movements. All new or interested people are invited to come.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

--Chautauqua at Ruidoso Public Library 7 p.m. Kay Sebring-Robert Kuhlmann presents Marion Sloan Russell as she remembers her journey on the Santa Fe Trail as a young woman in the mid 1800s. Journey with her to New Mexico's past. Brought to you by New Mexico State Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.



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Minter said that she has tried to speak with as many people as she could about redistricting, and recommended holding another public hearing before making any final decisions. She said that she really had no preference regarding which of two options was chosen, because some voters would be removed from her district and others added to it either way.

County commission chair Eileen Sedillo said that her concern

was that two of her fellow commission members had expressed being somewhat confused about what they had approved in November.

A motion to hold a public hearing on redistricting during the regular January meeting of the board of county commissioners passed.

Burrows said that she would make an effort to reach out across the county, and to develop some better maps illustrating the redistricting options.

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tion, if they could get enough people off the payroll, it's possible that we might be able to keep her," he said. "The more people you lose out of any one office just diminishes your ability to respond to what we're supposed to be doing, so I just wanted the commission to know about this," he said.

"Another really bad part of this is that we rely on the next level of expertise, which we call the specialists," he said.

Gnatkowski reported that five of the extension service's experts, or specialists, have retired and are not being replaced.

"It's made things a little bit tougher, but the worst thing I see coming down the road is that we might lose the home economist here in Lincoln County," he said.

The cooperative extension office in Lincoln County, located

in Carrizozo, employs four people, a full-time secretary, a home economist with 4-H responsibilities, Gnatkowski, who deals with questions about agricultural issues, "bugs and trees and things like that," as well as working with the 4-H program.

"They also have the I Can administrator, which is federally funded," Gnatkowski said,

but that person has resigned as of December 31st.

"There'll be a portion of requests that we just can't handle anymore," he said.

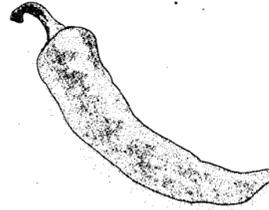
County commissioner Jackie Powell commented on the difference between the state university cutting services and personnel to meet budget constraints, while the

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PAUL'S New Mexican Take-Out

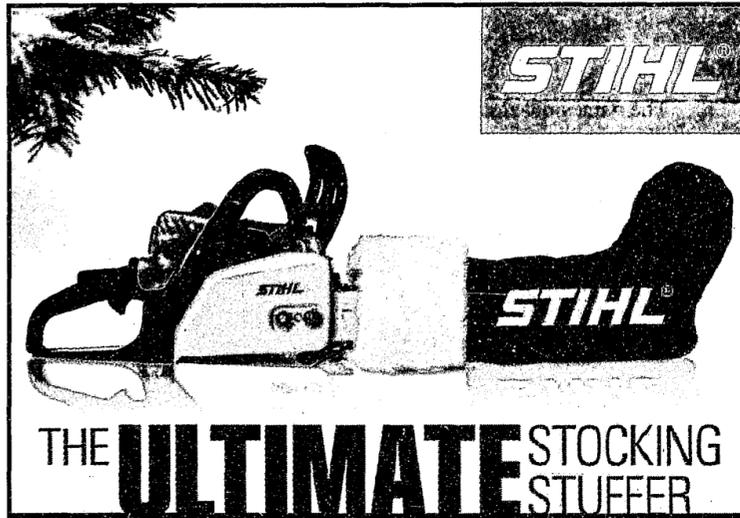
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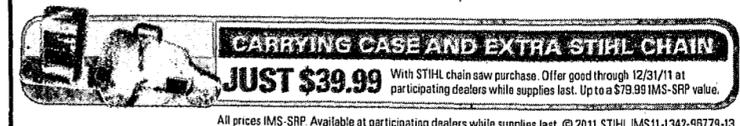
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Looking Back

'Through Our Old Files'

As the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS goes into its 106th year of being in existence, we will be randomly publishing articles from old NEWS files. The following article appeared in the LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS on . . .

Dec. 12 and 19, 1958

Ramblin' Around Lincoln County

LINCOLN COUNTY

by Lucius Dills

Some facts and observations concerning its early settlement, historical events, organizations, and its geographic trimmings.

(Continued from Dec. 8, 2011 Issue)

Viewed from the present day development of arms and ammunitions, that structure might be classed as a joke; but it was simply protective for the dangers in those days.

It is also to be observed that the little Fort -- three short stories high -- also placed as to cover the Valley from hills to cliffs, and far enough up and down for the defenders -- armed with the muzzle-loading, powder and ball, percussioned cap rifles of the period -- to make it interesting, not to say hazardous for any band of marauders attacking the hamlet.

Lest you are mentally confused about those muzzle loaders, just recall that it was near the close of our Civil War, 1864, when the first fixed or cartridge ammunition was invented and used; and that the best guns of the antebellum period were cap and ball type -- and for accuracy within their limit have yet to be equalled.

The names of the most active factors in the building of that Fort, coming to us through second generation tradition, were, named alphabetically, Isadore Baldonado, Diego Chavez, Guadalupe Gomez, Sabino Gonzales, Filipe Mirando, Teofilo Salazar, Mauricio Sanchez, Andracas Trujillo -- sometimes Enriquez or Henry -- and his brother Felix Trujillo.

The same second generation tradition credits Andracasor Henry Trujillo with having been the prime mover and directing spirit in the building of his Torreon; and that, in after years, when realizing his approaching end, he requested that his body be buried in the valley to the East, and that one of those huge stones, fallen from the southern cliffs, be rolled over and placed above his remains. An example of local pride and loyalty worth remembering.

It was on January 18th, 1855, while that Torreon was a building that Capitan Henry W. Stanton, of the First U.S. Cavalry, with two of his command, were ambushed and murdered on the Penasco, just below the water-cress spring where the headquarters of the C A Bar Ranch was established some 30 years later.

Incidentally, this Captain Stanton was the officer for whom the after-built Fort Stanton was named. Fort Stanton, for 40 years a most important factor in the affairs of the section and country, was established late in the year of 1855 and 1856. In its beginnings the structures more resembled a stockade or a cantonment than those of a permanent Army Post, such as were evolved about 1868.

While the primary purpose of the Fort, and the occupation of the garrison, was the protection of the settlers, it provided the chief market for the produce of the country-side, while yet a Post; and, since its conversion into a sanatorium for tuberculars from the Merchant Marine, its purchases of local produce are far from negligible.

While the personal memoirs of the officers are more laconic than lucid, and the records of the War Department distressingly skeletal for the ante-bellum period, enough can be gathered to make certain the worth of the garrisons for the protection of the settlers against depredations.

Following closely upon the outbreak of the War between the States, in July 1861, the Federal garrison was withdrawn from Ft. Stanton and orders given for the firing of the buildings. This was done, but a fortunate summer torrent put out the fire before too great a damage had been wrought, and soon thereafter a squadron of Confederates moved in.

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The Best of the New Year to ALL!

Taylor Reports Private Inspectors Nixed by State

MANAGER'S REPORT

by Patrice Brazie

As part of her first regular monthly briefing of the board of county commissioners, Lincoln County Manager Nita Taylor reported on December 20th that the State of New Mexico's Construction Industries Division (CID) does not allow for third-party contracted building inspectors. The Lincoln County Commissioners had been considering the use of third-party, private industry inspectors to handle inspections should the commissioners elect to adopt an ordinance regulating building code enforcement and a system for permitting and inspecting construction within the unincorporated parts of the county.

The word from the CID has prompted Taylor to put on hold her task of issuing a request for proposals from private inspectors

or inspection firms, she said.

The debate surrounding the proposed Lincoln County Building Inspection ordinance continues.

Advertisements for a new county road superintendent rendered 15 applications, Taylor said. Eight applicants were called for personal interviews and Carl Palmer was hired. He began working on December 12.

Taylor also reported having attended a meeting of the Lincoln County Juvenile Justice Board on December 13th, and said that she has agreed to fill the board position vacated by former county manager Tom Stewart. Taylor added that the Juvenile Justice Board has asked Stewart to continue to serve that board in an advisory capacity.

She said that, during the transition period from the man-

agement of Stewart to that of Taylor, the two had the opportunities needed to discuss grants and grant closures, personnel matters, preparations for meetings of the board of county commissioners, budget and actual revenue/expense tracking, the processes for identifying capital needs, reviewing responses to county-

issued requests for proposals and granting those awards, along with a number of other valuable ideas and concepts.

Taylor told the county commissioners that she had happened to be out-of-town during the first snowstorm of this winter season, from December 2nd to the 8th.

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smaller, local college in Ruidoso is seeking funding for expansion.

She suggested that any excess funds raised through the county's unique Gross Receipts Business Retention Tax would be better applied if granted to the cooperative extension office rather than to a college like the campus of Eastern New Mexico University in Ruidoso.

Preliminary Award of Contract for US54/70 and Higuera Intersection Traffic Signal Project in Tularosa

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) has made a preliminary award of contract to RT Electric, Inc. out of Las Cruces for the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of US54/70 (St. Francis Drive) and Higuera Avenue in the Village of Tularosa.

The project amount is \$411,373 and consists of the installation of a traffic signal at US54/70 and Higuera, along with corner ramps and some sidewalk construction along the six block area in front of the Tularosa Village Hall. The project is between Higuera Ave and Bosque Street in Tularosa.

Work is expected to begin in late January/early February and will last approximately four to six months. Parking spaces along US54/70 may be temporarily blocked while construction is underway, but will remain as they currently are once construction is finished.

The project is the culmination of several years of collaboration between the NMDOT and the Village to make this section of roadway through Tularosa more pedestrian friendly.

Motorists should expect lane closures through the village as the contractor works on the traffic signal installation and sidewalks. Please be considerate of construction workers, observe construction signing and obey the posted speed limit in the construction area.

For up-to-date road construction information throughout the state, visit nmroads.com or call 511.

Anyone with questions or comments regarding this project may contact Chuck Brill, NMDOT Tularosa Area Construction Project Manager, at (575) 585-2090.

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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE



2011/12 GRIZZLY BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	Opponent	LOCATION	TEAM
Fri., Dec. 16	3:30pm	Grady	Carrizozo	JV/G V/B-G
Thu-Sat., Jan 5	TBA	Smokey Bear Tournament	Capitan	V/B-G
Tues., Jan. 10	4:00pm	Magdalena	Carrizozo	JH/B-G
Tues., Jan. 10	4:00pm	Capitan	Capitan	JV/B-G V/B-G
Thurs., Jan. 12	4:00pm	Mescalero	Carrizozo	JV/B-G V/B-G
Fri., Jan. 13.	4:00pm	Mountainair	Carrizozo	JV/B-G V/B-G
Thurs., Jan. 19	5:00pm	Corona	Corona	V/B-G
Mon., Jan. 23	4:00pm	Hondo	Carrizozo	JH/B-G
Wed., Jan. 25	4:00pm	Magdalena	Magdalena	JH/B-G
Thurs., Jan. 26	4:00pm	Mescalero	Mescalero	JV/B-G V/B-G
Fri., Jan. 27	4:00pm	Cliff	Carrizozo	V/B-G
Mon., Jan. 30	4:00pm	Mountainair	Carrizozo	JH B-G
Tues., Jan. 31	5:00pm	Capitan	Carrizozo	JH B-G
Thurs., Feb. 2	3:30pm	Grady	Grady	JV/G V/B-G
Fri., Feb. 3	4:00pm	Vaughn	Carrizozo	V/B-G
Sat., Feb. 4.	11:00am	Mescalero	Mescalero	JH B-G
Tues., Feb. 7	4:00pm	Hondo	Hondo	JV/B-G V/B-G
Thurs., Feb. 9	4:00pm	Magdalena	Magdalena	JV/B-G V/B-G
Sat., Feb. 11	2:00pm	Reserve	Reserve	JV/B-G V/B-G
Tues., Feb. 13	4:00pm	Hondo	Hondo	JV/B-G V/B-G
Thurs., Feb. 17	4:00pm	Quemado	Carrizozo	JV/B-G V/B-G
Thurs., Feb. 23	4:00pm	Quemado	Quemado	JV/B-G V/B-G
Sat., Feb. 25	2:00pm	Reserve	Carrizozo	JV/B-G V/B-G

EDITORIALS and OTHER STUFF

THOUGHTS

From the Editor's Desk

by Ruth Hammond

Resolution Time Once Again

It is time to make annual resolutions that too often are quickly forgotten. The most common resolution is to lose weight and another is to stop smoking. Both of these resolutions require will power and aren't uppermost in people's minds.

Some other resolutions might be better on your list such as - spend more time being happy, and if successful, your life will be happier and the majority of the people around you will also be happy. Try it and you will find that happiness has a tendency to be catching. One grouchy person was eventually changed after weeks of watching a happy person daily. It is amazing what smiles do.

Suggesting being happy to potential grouches could be another resolution. Tell people that a frown is a smile upside down. And keep track of how many stand on their heads. No, they won't stand on their heads but they may begin to smile more. And that would spread happiness.

Using this analogy, what other resolutions would make life happier? You probably have a few suggestions and if you care to share them with us, just write them down and slip that list in the slot in the bottom of the door at the NEWS office. If you would prefer you could send email to news @ tularosa.net. We should get them there.

Except for a few "bah, humbug" grouches and a couple of unhappy people, Christmas was a lovely holiday. And some are enjoying left over meals from the sumptuous feasts. And some of us are raiding refrigerators at other homes and bring home plates of good food for eating later. Please don't let food be wasted, people who live alone usually don't have left overs and appreciate the opportunity to enjoy festive meals two days.

Some other resolutions to put on your list might be to be kind to others, visit homebound people and brighten their day, save food scraps for animals, throw bread crumbs for birds, and read a book. There are good choices of books in the bookmobile, that was unable to get to this area this month because of the weather. Sitting out in the sun on pleasant days is another resolution that should be on every list. Relish in nice weather and stop complaining about less than pleasant weather. Most of all, be thankful for what you have; be glad military personnel is coming home, and pray for peace. We wish each and every one a happy and peaceful new year filled with gladness.

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* Inside the Capitol

by Jay Miller, Syndicated Columnist

SANTA FE -- Republicans and the Hollywood crowd seldom seem to be a very good match. Good reasons exist for this standoff. With a few notable exceptions, Hollywood types are more liberal in their thinking than most Republicans, especially on social issues.

Family values are another place the two part company. Certainly not all Republicans behave themselves, but as a whole, their expectations are much higher.

And when it comes to money, Hollywood has been much more generous to the last two Democratic presidents than it has to Republicans.

But why, when a filmmaker wants to film in a New Mexico community is there so often resistance? They bring jobs. They buy in the community. They're not that seedy, are they?

And why, when a movie claims the 25 percent tax rebate, does the governor charge that the money is coming from children's education?

New Mexico needs jobs. We're in bad fiscal shape but does the 25 percent rebate further bust our budget? Other red states, such as Louisiana and Georgia, rebate even more and think they're getting a good deal.

So is it just New Mexico Republicans that don't like Hollywood? Or is it something we're not seeing? One factor we're not seeing is an accurate cost analysis of New Mexico's 25 percent rebate.

Two studies in the past showed that the state is getting back either 15 cents or \$1.50 on the dollar for our 25 percent rebate. Gov. Susana Martinez promised a comprehensive study of the rebate when she vetoed a bill to do just that last April. We've seen nothing of the study thus far.

Further confounding this situation is news that with seemingly no additional information on the film industry, Gov. Martinez now is talking with top studio executives, which she hasn't done before and seems to have changed her mind about dealing with Hollywood.

State officials are being very vague about whether the uncertainty of the film industry about New Mexico's feelings is hurting business.

We do know of productions that have left the state or are considering it. Maybe that is why Gov. Martinez is putting on her current happy face.

On the heels of Gov. Martinez's Hollywood shocker, comes an announcement from Politico magazine that former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson will switch his allegiance to the Libertarian Party today, Dec. 28, in Santa Fe.

Johnson is disillusioned with the GOP over its failure to accommodate his libertarian beliefs in the Republican big tent. About the only right both parties agree on is the right to bear arms. They are both in the same militia on that issue.

Johnson has maintained his dues-paying membership in the Libertarian Party since before he first ran for governor. As I recall, Johnson also was a dues-paying member of Ross Perot's Independent Party at the time.

Johnson still will have to compete at the Libertarian convention for the Libertarian nomination. He could have had it for the asking 12 years ago when he still was governor and was being courted heavily by the party.

But the Libertarians still are interested in him, as they are with any Republican willing to defect.

Running as a Libertarian isn't going to help Johnson win the presidency any more than trying to get the Republican nomination. But it could make him a spoiler in a state or two and maybe enough to lose the race for the Republican nominee.

New Mexico is one of those states. Polling numbers show him still running strong here. Johnson could take away just enough votes from the Republican nominee to throw the race to the Democrat.

Ross Perot may have done that in the 1992 presidential election between President George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton. Former New Mexico Lt. Gov. Roberto Mondragon, running as a Green Party member, may have taken enough votes from Gov. Bruce King to put Gary Johnson over the top in 1994.

WEATHER REPORT

by Jeff Hammond

The New Year, 2012 is going to start off being mostly clear skies and warmer temperatures as the low pressure system that has been making sure Lincoln County had a White Christmas is moving out of northern New Mexico. As the low pressure system moves out New Mexico Lincoln County will be treated to warmer, clearer days and nights.

Expect to see daytime temperatures from the high 40s to the mid 50s at all elevations, and nighttime temperatures from the mid 20s to the mid 30s.

Gentle, mild winds are forecast for the next several days, most wind speeds will average 10 mph with occasional gusts as high as 20 mph.

Current snow and slope conditions at Ski Apache; 9 of 9 ski lifts are currently operating, 54 of 55 trails are open and approximately 750 acres are open for winter sports. There is 64 inches of powder/packed powder at the upper elevations and 44 inches of packed powder at the lower elevations. The most recent snowfall reported was Saturday night of approximately six inches.

Forecast for Carrizozo, the high plains and high desert areas of Lincoln County:

Wednesday, December 28

Sunny, with a high near 49, north wind around 5 mph, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 24, south wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday, December 29

Sunny, with a high near 53, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Friday, December 30

Sunny, with a high near 56, night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Saturday, December 31, New Years Eve

Sunny, with a high near 57, night: Mostly clear, with a low

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Singing it out loud and clear, to all our customers, supporters, readers, friends and family . . . "Have a Very, VERY . . .



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

from the

LINCOLN COUNTY NEWS

and staff

LEGAL NOTICES

**LEGAL NOTICE
ELECTION RESOLUTION
TOWN OF CARRIZOZO
AMENDED
RESOLUTION NO. R2011-14**

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

A. A regular municipal election for the election of municipal officers shall be held on March 6, 2012. Polls will open at 7:00AM and close at 7:00PM.

B. At the regular municipal election, persons shall be elected to fill the following elective offices:

1. **Two Trustees for a four-year term.**
2. **One Trustee for a two-year term.**
3. **One Judge for a four-year term.**

C. Precincts 2, 13 & 19 are consolidated for the regular municipal election.

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

1. Voters in Precincts 2, 13 & 19 shall vote at the Town of Carrizozo Municipal Building, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, NM 88301

E. **Absentee Voting.** Any qualified elector of the Town of Carrizozo shall obtain an application for an absentee ballot, only from the office of the Municipal Clerk. All applications for an absentee ballot must be completed and accepted by the Municipal Clerk prior to 5:00PM., March 2, 2012. After 5:00PM, on March 2, 2012, all unused absentee ballots will be publicly destroyed by the Municipal Clerk. The Municipal Clerk will accept completed absentee ballots delivered by mail, or in person by the voter casting the absentee ballot, by a member of the voter's immediate family, or by a caregiver to the voter until 7:00PM. On March 6, 2012.

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 31, 2012 and closing at 5:00PM on Friday, March 2, 2012.

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 15, 2012 and closing at 5:00PM. On Friday March 2, 2012.

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 7, 2012 at 5:00PM, the date on which the County Clerk will close registration books.

G. All Declarations of Candidacy shall be filed with the Municipal Clerk on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 between 8:00AM and 5:00PM.

H. The casting of votes by qualified municipal electors shall be recorded on paper ballots to be counted by M100 electronic vote tabulators.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 14th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2011.

Dennis Vega, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leann Weibrecht, CMC

cc: County Clerk
Secretary of State

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LEGAL NOTICE

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:

- Wednesday, January 4, 2012
- Wednesday, February 1, 2012
- Wednesday, March 7, 2012
- Wednesday, April 4, 2012
- Wednesday, May 2, 2012
- Wednesday, June 6, 2012
- Wednesday, July 11, 2012
- Wednesday, August 1, 2012
- Wednesday, September 5, 2012
- Wednesday, October 3, 2012
- Wednesday, November 7, 2012
- Wednesday, December 5, 2012

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.

BILLIE-JO GUEVARA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

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**LEGAL NOTICE
RESOLUCION DE ELECCION
TOWN OF CARRIZOZO
AMENDED
RESOLUCION NO. 2011-15**

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

A. Una eleccion municipal regular para la eleccion de oficiales municipales se llevara a cabo el 6 de marzo de 2012. Lugares de votacion estaran abiertas al publico entre las horas de las 7:00A.M. y las 7:00P.M.

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

1. **Dos Fiduciarios por un termino de cuatro anos.**
2. **Un Fiduciario por un termino de dos anos.**
3. **Un Juez Municipal por un termino de cuatro anos.**

C. Los recintos 2, 13 y 19 son consolidados para la eleccion municipal regular.

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

- Los voantes en los Recintos Consolidados 2, 13 y 19 voaran en Pueblo de Carrizozo, 400 9th Street, Carrizozo, Nuevo Mexico.

E. **Votacio en Ausencia.** Cado votante calificado de la Municipio de Carrizozo obtendra una solicitud para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia, unicamente de la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad. La Escribana de la Municipalidad debe aceptar todas las solicitudes para obtener una balota para votar en ausencia antes de las 5:00P.M. el 2 de marzo de 2012. A partir de las 5:00P.M. el 2 de marzo de 2012, la Escribana de la Municipalidad publicamente destruira todas las balotas no utilizadas. La Escribana de la Municipalidad aceptara las balotas completadas por el votante que emite su balota, con el fin de votar en ausencia, que se le entregue por correo o en persona o por un miembro de la familia inmediata de la votante, hasta las 7:00P.M. el 6 de marzo, 2012.

Las balotas para votar en ausencia se pueden marcar en persona en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezando el martes, 31 de enero de 2012 y terminando a las 5:00P.M. el viernes, 2 de marzo de 2012

Votacion por Anticipado. El recuento de los votos por anticipado, de papeleta, se llevara a cabo por un tabulador electronico M100 en la oficina de la Escribana de la Municipalidad, durante las horas y dias habiles, empezando el miercoles, 15 de febrero de 2012 y terminando a las 5:00PM. El Viernes, 2 de marzo de 2012.

F. Las personas que deseen registrarse para votar en la eleccion municipal regular, tienen que registrarse con la Escribana del condado de Lincoln a mas tardar el martes, 7 de febrero de 2012 a las 5:00P.M., la fecha en que la Escribana del Condado cerrara los libros del registro.

G. Se archivara todas las Declaraciones de Candidatura con la Escribana Municipal el Martes, 10 de enero de 2012 entre las horas de las 8:00A.M. y las 5:00P.M.

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

Adoptada y aprobada este dia 14 de Noviembre de 2011.

Alcalde

Da fe:

Escribana Municipal

cc: County Clerk
Secretary of State

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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., to the following dates starting in April 2011:

- Tuesday, January 31, 2012
- Tuesday, February 28, 2012
- Tuesday, March 27, 2012
- Tuesday, April 24, 2012
- Tuesday, May 29, 2012
- Tuesday, June 26, 2012
- Tuesday, July 31, 2012
- Tuesday, August 28, 2012
- Tuesday, September 25, 2012
- Tuesday, October 30, 2012
- Tuesday, November 27, 2012
- December 25, 2012 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.

BILLIE-JO GUEVARA
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT/
HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

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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 3, 2012
- Tuesday, February 7, 2012
- Tuesday, March 6, 2012
- Tuesday, April 3, 2012
- Tuesday, May 1, 2012
- Tuesday, June 5, 2012
- Tuesday, July 3, 2012
- Tuesday, August 7, 2012
- Tuesday, September 4, 2012
- Tuesday, October 2, 2012
- Tuesday, November 6, 2012
- Tuesday, December 4, 2012

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 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

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 19, 2012
- Thursday, February 16, 2012
- Thursday, March 15, 2012
- Thursday, April 19, 2012
- Thursday, May 17, 2012
- Thursday, June 21, 2012
- Thursday, July 19, 2012
- Thursday, August 16, 2012
- Thursday, September 20, 2012
- Thursday, October 18, 2012
- Thursday, November 15, 2012
- Thursday, December 20, 2012

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.

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MANAGER'S REPORT . . .

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"Tom Stewart stepped in to work hand-in-hand with Albert Hernandez to mitigate the effects on Lincoln County citizens," Taylor said.

She reported that the direct expenses associated with that first snowstorm included \$7,350 for salt for the roads, \$5,726 for 286 of payroll and overtime expenses and \$6,307 for equipment use.

Happy New Year!!!

LEGALS

LEGAL NOTICE

TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
No. CV-11-296

SIMON BIR,
Plaintiff,
v.
**STEVE McCLAIN and
AMANDA McCLAIN,**
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned Special Master will, on Tuesday, the 10th day of January, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., at the Northeast entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 300 Central Avenue, Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301, sell and convey all of the right, title and interest of the parties in the above-entitled action in and to that certain real property (the "Property") described as follows:

Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8, Block 4, Camelot Mountain Tracts, Ruidoso, Lincoln County, New Mexico, as shown on the plat thereof filed on June 3, 1981, in cabinet D, slide Nos. 16 and 17, and Dedication filed in Miscellaneous Book 71, Page 519, located in Lincoln County, New Mexico,

together with all structures and improvements thereon. The Property will be sold "as is," without warranties, express or implied. This foreclosure sale is being made pursuant to the Agree Judgment on Promissory Note and Foreclosure of Mortgage (the "Judgment") entered in the above entitled cause on November 30, 2011, in an action to foreclose the interests, mortgages, and liens of the parties, under which Simon Bir was determined to have a first Mortgage which is prior to any liens, mortgages, or claims of interest of the other parties herein, and the redemption period was determined to be one (1) month. The lien of Simon Bir secures the Judgment against the rights, title, interest and claims of the Defendants and all other persons or entities bound by these proceedings in the principal and interest sum through October 31, 2011 of \$587,998.35, plus interest from November 1, 2011 to the date of Judgment at the rate of 10% per annum of \$4,726.50, plus post judgment interest at the rate of 10% per annum (per diem of \$164.50), plus attorney fees, tax and costs incurred here-in in the amount of \$7,687.93, including attorney fees, tax, costs and expenses to complete the foreclosure, less any appropriate credits, plus interest on the Judgment at the rate of 10% per annum, until paid in full. As of the date of the Special Master's sale the total amount of the Judgment of Simon Bir will be \$607,157.01. However, said sum does not include the costs, expenses and fees of the Special Master (estimated to be approximately \$200.00 plus tax, plus the cost of Publication of Notice). The Property will be sold to the highest bidder for cash in lawful currency of the United States of America. In payment of a bid, the Special Master will accept only cash or a bank cashier's check issued by a federally chartered and insured bank or a New Mexico state chartered and federally insured bank or savings and loan association. The Special Master must receive the cash or cashier's check from the successful bidder no later than 5:00 p.m. on the date of the Special Master's sale. Plaintiff, Simon Bir may bid and purchase the Property at the Special Master's sale, and may bid all or a portion of his Judgment in lieu of cash towards the purchase price. Proceeds of the sale will be distributed first to the Special Master to satisfy his fees, costs and expenses, and then to payment of the above-referenced Judgment owing to Simon Bir. Any excess proceeds will be distributed pursuant to further order of the Court.

Signed:

PETER BACA
Special Master
P.O. Box 215
Carrizozo, New Mexico 88301
(575) 648-9925

Submitted by:

Larry G. Fields
Attorney for Simon Bir
6006 N. Mesa, Ste. 110
El Paso, Texas 79912
(915) 587-5222

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
TWELFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT
Probate No. 2011-42

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY MARGARET MCGILL, 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 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 P.O. Box 924, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88355 or to the attorney for the personal representative, Charles E. Hawthorne at 900 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso, New Mexico 88345, or filed with the District Court of Lincoln County.

DATED: December 7, 2011

Raven Soto
Personal Representative of the
Estate of Mary M. McGill Deceased
P.O. Box 924
Ruidoso, NM 88345

ATTORNEY FOR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Charles E. Hawthorne
900 Sudderth Drive
Ruidoso, NM 88345
(575) 257-1323
(575) 257-1327

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LEGAL NOTICE

PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF LINCOLN
STATE OF NEW MEXICO
Cause No. 2551

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
ROBBIE DAVIS, DECEASED.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF
INFORMAL PROBATE OF WILL AND
INFORMAL APPOINTMENT OF
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF ROBBIE
DAVIS, DECEASED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT:

1. ROBBIE DAVIS, the decedent, died on or about October 15, 2011;

2. Jim Farley, Vice President and Trust Officer of Southwest Bank, Lubbock, Texas, filed an Application for Informal Probate of Will and for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative in the above named Court requesting that the decedent's Last Will and Testament executed on October 10, 2007 be informally admitted to probate and that Jim Farley, Vice President and Trust Officer of Southwest Bank, Lubbock, Texas, be informally appointed personal representative;

3. On November 30, 2011, the Court issued an Order for Informal Probate of Will and for Informal Appointment of Personal Representative, informally admitting the will to probate and informally appointing Jim Farley, Vice President and Trust Officer of Southwest Bank, Lubbock, Texas, as personal representative to serve in an unsupervised administration without bond;

4. Bond was not required and, therefore, none has been filed;

5. Papers relating to the estate are on file with the Probate Court of Lincoln County, New Mexico, and are available for your inspection; and

6. The estate is being administered by the personal representative pursuant to provisions of the Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the court but you are entitled to information regarding the administration from the personal representative and can petition the court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Archie A. Witham, Attorney for the Personal Representative of the Estate of Robbie Davis, Deceased, P. O. Box 83, Nogal, NM 88341 (Telephone (575) 354-2698.

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-13

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in a regular session on the 15th day of November 2011, 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 unless otherwise specified:

Tuesday, January 10, 2012
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Tuesday, March 20, 2012
Tuesday, April 17, 2012
Tuesday, May 15, 2012
Friday, June 8, 2012-Special
(Canvass Primary Election Votes)
Tuesday, June 19, 2012
Tuesday, July 17, 2012
Tuesday, August 21, 2012
Tuesday, September 18, 2012
Tuesday, October 16, 2012
Friday, November 9, 2012-Special
(Canvass General Election Votes)
Tuesday, November 20, 2012
Tuesday, December 18, 2012

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 15th day of November 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

Eileen M. Sedillo, Chair

Jackie Powell, Vice Chair

Tom Battin, Member

Mark Doth, Member

Kathryn Minter, Member

ATTEST:

Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-14

WHEREAS, the Governing Body in and for the County of Lincoln, State of New Mexico, meeting in a regular session on the 15th day of November 2011, 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.

New Year's Day will be observed on Monday, January 2, 2012

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday will be observed on Monday, January 16, 2012

Presidents' Day will be observed on Monday, February 20, 2012

Good Friday will be observed on Friday, April 6, 2012

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 28, 2012

Independence Day will be observed on Wednesday, July 4, 2012

Labor Day will be observed on Monday, September 3, 2012

Columbus Day will be observed on Monday, October 8, 2012

Veteran's Day will be observed on Monday, November 12, 2012

Thanksgiving Day will be observed on Thursday, November 22, 2012 and Friday, November 23, 2012

Christmas Day will be observed on Monday, December 24, 2012 and Tuesday, December 25, 2012

New Year's Day will be observed on Tuesday, January 1, 2013

RESOLVED IN BOARD ACTION this 15th day of November 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
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Mark Doth, Member

Kathryn Minter, Member

ATTEST:

Rhonda Burrows, County Clerk

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LEGAL NOTICE

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-15

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

WHEREAS, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at Carrizozo, New Mexico, on the 15th day of November, 2011, 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 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

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notice of public meetings.

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 15th day of November 2011.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LINCOLN COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

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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.

May 15
1:43 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Hwy 70 in Hondo, deputy dispatched.

4:59 a.m. Medical call at residence on Reynolds Court in Alto, ALS ambulance dispatched.

7:30 a.m. Alarm reported at location on Hwy 70 in Tinnie, deputy dispatched.

4:31 p.m. Fire reported at mile marker 157 on Hwy 54 in Corona, fire units and deputy dispatched.

7:09 p.m. Shots fired reported on Hwy 37 in Nogal, deputy dispatched.

May 16
2:17 a.m. Medical call at residence on Cedar in Carrizozo, ambulance and deputy dispatched.

5:22 a.m. Disturbance/family dispute reported at location on Hwy 37 in Bonito, ALS ambulance and deputy dispatched.

7:33 a.m. Accident reported at intersection of Hwy 380 and Hwy 70 in Hondo, Hondo emergency units and ambulance dispatched.

9:49 a.m. Larceny/theft reported at location on Lower Eagle Creek Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

11:08 a.m. Accident reported on 10th Street in Carrizozo, deputy dispatched.

12:36 p.m. Accident reported on Gavilan Canyon Road in Alto, deputy dispatched.

4:36 p.m. Identity theft reported at location on Winterhawk in Ranches of Sontero, deputy dispatched.

8:28 p.m. Medical call at residence on F Avenue in Carrizozo, ambulance dispatched.



Dustin Reel and Santa have a good visit Saturday last in Capitan. (Courtesy Photo)

Happy New Year!

Kelly's Restaurant
'Serving, Lunch, Dinner'

Too busy to cook? Call Kelly!

- * **10 piece Fried Chicken** w/mashed potatoes and gravy \$15.99
 - * **10 piece Cod Dinner** w/fries, hushpuppies and coleslaw \$17.99
 - * **12 Beef Tacos** w/homemade salsa \$12.00
 - * **16" Take & Bake Pizza** made to order
- HOURS: Monday - Friday 11:00am to 7:00pm**
Dine In or Carry Out / 575-648-3277

CHURCH DIRECTORY

**MOUNTAIN MINISTRY PARISH
SIERRA BLANCA PRESBYTERY
NOGAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
E.W. "Bo" Lewis, Pastor
Sunday School ... 10:00 a.m.
Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

**RUIDOSO DOWNS
FIRST SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH**
361-East Hwy. 70
Ruidoso Downs, NM 88346
575-378-4611
Dr. Randy Widener PhD, Sr. Pastor
8:00 a.m. ... Early Bird Service
9:00 a.m. ... Breakfast
9:30 a.m. ... Sunday School
11:00 a.m. ... Traditional Services
6:00 p.m. ... Preaching Bible Study
Wednesday Community Dinner
6:30 p.m.
Kids Activities, ... 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 648-207
Sunday School ... 9:45 a.m.
Worship Service ... 10:55 a.m.
Sunday Evening ... 6:00 p.m.
AWANAS ... Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
(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
213 Birch - Carrizozo, NM 88301
575-648-2853
Fr. Tony Basso, Pastor
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 a.m.

**CARRIZOZO ST. MATTHIAS
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**
Corner of E Avenue and 6th
Rev. Canon Peter Sanderson,
Priest in Charge
Holy Eucharist ... Sunday 9:30 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
and
Children's Church ... 10:30 a.m.
Family Workshop ... 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
Jean Riley, Pastor
Worship Service ... 11:00 a.m.
2nd Sunday Breakfast ... 10:00 a.m.
4th Sunday Fellowship Dinner ... 12:00 p.m.

CAPITAN
3rd and White Oaks
575-354-2288
Jean Riley, Pastor
Worship Service ... 9:00 p.m.
Fellowship Time ... 10:15 a.m.
Adult Sunday School ... 11:00 a.m.
3rd Sunday Fellowship Dinner

**CAPITAN CHRIST
COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP**
420 Lincoln Avenue
Joshua Watkins, 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.

CAPITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST
420 Lincoln Avenue
Joshua Watkins, 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 ... 1st Sunday of Month

GRACE FELLOWSHIP IN CHRIST
Corona, New Mexico
Terry Aiello, Pastor / 849-0105
Worship ... 9:30 a.m.

CLAUNCH COMMUNITY CHURCH
Tony Scaccia, Minister
849-1402
Second Saturday of Each Month 9:00 a.m.

**WHITE OAKS COMMUNITY CHURCH
(Non-Denominational)**
Sunday Worship ... 11:00 a.m.

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