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ORIGINAL LOGO SIGN AT FRONT GATE TO TIMBERON

PICTURE BY JEAN GRAY

## THE EARLY DAYS OF TIMBERON

Once upon a time, when Timberon was first starting out, there was an organization called the Timberon Property Owners Association. This association was established on October 1, 1969 so that the property owners of Timberon would have a say in the destiny of the development. For many years this organization was at the very heart of everything happening on the mountain. The Timberon Property Owners Association, having fallen upon hard times, was eventually dissolved on November 19, 1993.

The Timberon Property Owners Association may no longer be with us, but its records are, and they are very rich in information outlining the early days of Timberon. This monthly series of articles is based upon information taken from those records.

The contents of this article are not doctored up, nor are any comparisons made with what we know today. Everything here is just as the early property owners of Timberon recorded it. What we are going to do is take a ride through history with the Timberon Property Owners Association, experiencing their hopes, dreams, disappointments...

Picture yourself back in the early days of the development. It all began, as the records do, about 25 years ago in a development called Timberon.

### Timberon Log dated October 16, 1972

\*The developer says that by May 1, 1973, we should have some condominiums, trailer houses, etc. put in Timberon for the use of the property owners.

\*We are in the process of building a sales office right now and all the sales personnel will be out of our Lodge within the next 90 days.

\*We are talking about putting a really nice restaurant (dining room) in the upper part of the Lodge. This would entail getting a professional chef, dining tables, menus, etc. The Lounge area will be located in the Pro-Shop on the Golf Course, thereby eliminating the need for the downstairs lounge in the Lodge. Eventually (probably in about three to five years) all food facilities will be moved to the Country Club area, completely away from the Lodge. The downstairs area will be made into a recreational room.

\*Our Board has proposed a \$25.00 per membership, per year, dues to begin in November

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## BOARD GETS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

The Timberon Water & Sanitation District Board retained all its incumbent Directors as a result of the January 13th elections at the Timberon Lodge. The polls opened at 7 AM and closed at 7 PM. There were five candidates competing for the three Board positions. All the candidates gave it a good run for the money.

Marilyn Ellison lead the pack with a total of 88 votes. Marilyn's votes can be broken down to 72 votes cast on election day and 16 absentee ballots. Next came Lester Johnson with a total of 85 votes. Lester's votes can be broken down to 70 votes cast on election day and 15 absentee ballots. Taking the third position was Jack Deaton with a total of 84 votes. Jack's votes can be broken down to 70 cast on election day and 14 absentee ballots.

This is how the voting went for the happy winners, who are sure to do a fine job for Timberon in the next four years. Congratulations!

Not in the winner's circle, but making a strong showing at the polls, was Sid Benson with a total of 50 votes. Sid's votes can be broken down to 42 on election day and 8 absentee ballots. Hot on everyone's heels was Olin McGill with a total of 39 votes. Olin's can be broken down to 34 on election day and 5 absentee votes.

Olin and Sid each gathered a respectable number of votes and we wish them well in the next election, should they decide to run.

The total number of people that voted was 127, with 106 of those being on election day and 21 absentee ballots. Only one person was turned away from the polls and that was because he had not registered on time.

The Presiding Judge for the election was Chris Murtishaw. The other two Election Judges were Marcy Yeager and Mary Fran Seidl. The Election Clerk was Betty Reece. Things went a little easier for the ladies because we had a voting machine this year instead of ballot boxes. Everyone agreed that the election went very well.

The Timberon Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors met in a Work Session on January 14, 1998 to accept the election results.

The new Directors will be sworn in at the next regular meeting on February 12, 1998.



THE WINNERS OF THE TIMBERON WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT ELECTION

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LESLIE COUTANT SPEAKING AT THE WATER DISTRICT MEETING

### A PROPOSAL FOR US TO CONSIDER

On January the 10, during the first 1998 meeting of the Timberon Water and Sanitation District's Board of Directors, a tentative proposal was brought before the Board by Leslie Coutant regarding the possible housing of a small workout area within the Timberon Lodge. What Ms. Coutant has in mind would both ensure more use of the Lodge, which is, as one Board member has said "underutilized" by the community, and provide more recreational and health benefits to residents. Her proposal was that a space be designated inside the lodge—possibly in the basement—where weights and other types of workout equipment might be placed permanently for the use of adult residents of the community. The space would not need to be large, and a significant part of the costs for modest renovations of the proposed gym space might be offset by residents' donating equipment. Already several Timberon residents have said they could donate a stationary bicycle, a ski machine and other pieces of equipment; and it is likely that other residents have similar equipment to be donated. Further, the TWSD office staff could investigate what type of insurance coverage might be folded into the current insurance plan to cover the proposed gym.

It has been established for some time now that moderate weight training is beneficial to senior citizens, and not an activity limited to younger people. In fact, moderate weight training has proven medical benefits. A recent *New Yorker* article cited an instance of a man who began working out in his seventies and who has, by his nineties, doubled his muscle mass. Further, safe weight training can help stabilize bones made fragile by injury or age, as well as helping to increase physical stamina in general.

However, the proposal cannot be implemented until it's determined whether or not a significant number of "Timberonites" are interested in using such a facility. Residents who are interested in either donating equipment or using the equipment (or both) should contact either Ms. Coutant or the offices of the Water District. Ms. Coutant's number is 987-2460, her P.O. Box is 25; while the phone number of the TWSD office is 987-2250, and their P.O. Box is 40. Timberon residents and property owners should make their interest known to either Ms. Coutant or the Water District staff within the few months.

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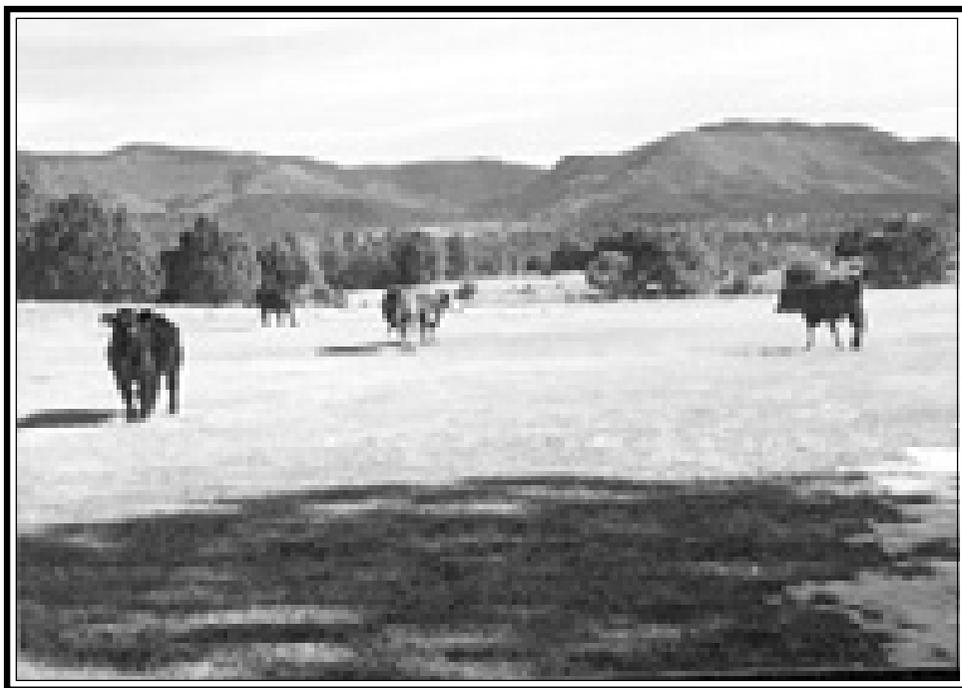
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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**



COWS ON GOLF COURSE - PHOTO BY HUGH ELLISON

Dear Editor,

As the accompanying photographs of cattle on our golf course will attest, Timberon has been invaded by cows—or as Hollywood might have it, “Invasion of the Cow People”! Of course this is NOT red hot news, since the invasion occurred last summer. But that means that this herd has feasted on our lawns, gardens, shrubs and trees, and on the delicate greens and fairways of our golf course for at least 6 months! Welfare for someone’s cattle—what next?

This raises several kinds of questions. Who owns these cow people? An owner has been sought, but has not responded, apparently. At least one of the five proudly sports a bright yellow sale-yard tag in the right ear, and it is quite attractive, too. But no one has stepped up to claim this charming and well-dressed creature. What a shameful thing. Beautiful black fur coat, too!

Was any grazing lease agreement worked out before the invasion began? isn't that customary? And have any of the many benefactors in Timberon been paid for their generosity to the little herd? I certainly have not, though my yard presents ample evidence of my contribution to their welfare. In fact they have roamed freely all over Timberon, eating, also freely, as they go.

These five cows were photographed near the ladies' tee on #4 fairway, but #6 fairway looks for all the world like a prairie dog town with all the large, mounded calling cards the creatures leave when they have eaten their fill. One might be tempted to criticize their manners for the way in which they eat and—er—well—not run, exactly! It's really a disgrace!

It is rumored that the present five were once twelve, and one wonders what may have become of the other seven of their companions. It is only to be hoped that they served some useful purpose while they dwelt among us, and that they at least gave pleasure in return for the feast they enjoyed from us. Perhaps it is not too much to hope that the remaining five might also give pleasure to their most generous hosts at some suit-

able time in the near future. Memorial Day, for example. Barbecue, anyone?

Hugh M. Ellison

*Editor's comment - The cattle were recently herded out of Timberon (hopefully for good). As is our editorial policy, we tried to find out who the owner was so we could print a response to this letter. A response was not possible as no one seems to know who the cattle belong to.*



Since there is presently no place on the mountain to have a flat tire fixed, James has decided that he should help out. Just Call 987-2306.

Yvonne Ross

To those who want to know:

When I started the Lodge Restaurant, I leased the facilities.

When I started Sharon's Place Cafe and Bakery at 1612 Sacramento Drive, I leased the facilities.

Now Sharon's Place has moved to the Chateau de la Shey building. I lease the facilities which are separate from the Redman's Club. Virgil Beagles does not employ me in any way, shape, form, or fashion. Nor does he contribute any financial aid to my business or receive any profit from my services. He is only my landlord!

I answer only to the Good Lord and my husband. The food service and myself are still the same.

Hope to see you soon!

Thank you,  
Sharon Neatherlin

*Editor's note - Sharon's Place has closed due to lack of business. We are all looking forward to her opening up again someday soon in a more favorable location.*



Your “Mountain Times” is wonderful! Your December front page article was beautiful! I almost cried, it was so moving.

It is also so refreshing to have facts, news, etc. presented objectively. I'm so glad your family decided to do this. I want to be one of the 1st 100 people to request a subscription.

Charlotte Hopper  
El Paso, Texas



Thank you for sending me the Mountain Times. It's the best paper that I have read from Timberon in a long time. I still love it up there!

Eunice Taliaferro

My wife and I would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for the prompt actions of members of the Timberon Community on Christmas Day, 1997. Our son Todd, experienced a serious, and potentially fatal, attack of asthma on that day, and it was only the selfless and professional actions by our community members which may have contributed to saving his life. Rose and Ed Netzer and Bill Begley contributed medication which helped stabilize Todd, and Quentin Wittmer enabled us to reach the Netzers and Mr. Begley by quickly plowing a lane through streets made impassible by record snowfall.

The medicine only provided temporary relief and the decision was made to attempt to transport Todd to the hospital in Alamogordo via the Timberon Volunteer Fire Department ambulance. Special thanks go to Lin Foster, who drove carefully through the snowdrifts on the entire back road to meet the Otero County ambulance at the Highway 54 intersection. Debbie Goss, Danielle Ross, Cecelia Watson and Stewart Brown provided critical support to Todd in the ambulance, while Butch Haupt manned the communications at the base station. Gary, Marsha and Larry followed in chase vehicles.

Todd is currently recovering, after a short stay in the hospital, and he has expressed his utmost gratitude for what was truly a community effort. Kay and I are indebted to all of you who helped our son, and we are proud to be members of this caring community called Timberon.

Sincerely,  
Steve & Kay Krasovetz  
El Paso, Texas



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<b>2/20/98</b>	<b>Pizza Buffet</b>
<b>2/27/98</b>	<b>Pork Chop Dinner</b>
<b>3/06/98</b>	<b>Chicken Fried Steak</b>
<b>3/13/98</b>	<b>Hot Beef Sandwich</b>
<b>3/20/98</b>	<b>Chicken Cordon Bleu</b>

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## TIMBERON WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT JANUARY 7, 1998 WORK SESSION

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Timberon Water & Sanitation District was held on January 7, 1998 at 10:00 AM in the Timberon Community Center. Board members present were Jack Deaton, Lester Johnson, Marilyn Ellison and Jean Campbell. Ray Wilson was absent.

Jim Moss and Chris Murtishaw requested time to speak to the Board.

Director Jack Deaton suggested that the Board set new goals to be accomplished in 1998. He then asked if there was any way that TWSD could clear driveways of snow for emergency medical personnel, as well as people who would be prone to a medical emergency.

General Manager Gary Scott said that he would like to purchase a seven foot Wagner blade to mount on the front of a pickup to clear intersections if the Board would approve the expenditure. Director Lester Johnson suggested using the backhoe or a dozer, but Gary Scott quickly stated that this equipment is very unstable on slippery roads.

Director Deaton then asked about hiring lifeguards and lake attendants. Gary Scott stated that these positions would not be contract labor, but would be hired as employees in the near future.

Director Deaton had some suggestions regarding litigation of the Discover Timberon, Inc. lease (they lease the upstairs of the Pro Shop as High Country Bar & Grill). Chairman Jean Campbell suggested that the subject would be more appropriate to discuss during a closed session.

Director Johnson commented on how much negative feedback he has received about repairing the Pro Shop roof. He stated that the public needs to realize that the building is TWSD property and that it doesn't belong to Discover Timberon, Inc.

Director Marilyn Ellison pointed out that the roads must be clear on election day, January 13, 1998. Chairman Campbell suggested that volunteers with four wheel drive vehicles could help transport those people afraid to drive, should a storm make the roads messy for election day. Director Johnson said that he would be willing to drive and Office Manager Debbie Goss would help from 5PM to 7PM.

Director Deaton stated that he would like to announce how well our crews cleared the roads during the holiday storms. Director Ellison Concurred.

Office Manager Debbie Goss reported that Otero County has been declared a disaster area and that the Water District will be seeking state and federal funds to help pay for the extra plowing made necessary between December 20th and January 4th.

The worst mud hole, about 2 miles North of Timberon, has been filled by the County and they will continue to fill mud holes on the 14 mile road.

Director Campbell suggested that the Roberts deed the Post Office driveway to the County so that it can be better maintained for everyone's benefit.

Director Ellison announced that the Smith Memorial Library will be open on Saturday from 11AM to 1PM.

The New Mexico State Supreme Court has appointed a judge from Eddy County to preside over the lawsuit regarding voting rights, the Hughes Case. A hearing was going to be set for Monday, January 12th, but none of the Water District's attorneys were available.

Chris Murtishaw requested that the Board approve snow removal for medical emergencies.

Jim Moss requested that the Timberon Lodge basement be leased for a coffee shop and that the Hope Christain Fellowship Church be allowed to use the Timberon Lodge temporarily on Sundays for church services. Director Deaton brought up the fact that the basement would not be handicap accessible. The Board suggested that Jim define his plans better and present them at a later date for approval to lease the upstairs lounge or restaurant area for a coffee shop. It was agreed that the Timberon Lodge could be used on a temporary basis for church services.

Director Deaton moved to close the session to discuss pending litigation pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1(11)(7). Director Ellison seconded the motion and each director voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned around 11:45 AM after closed session.



THE BOARD AND GENERAL MANAGER

## TIMBERON WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT JANUARY 10, 1998 REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Timberon Water & Sanitation District's Board of Directors was held on January 10, 1998 at 10:00 AM in the Timberon Community Center. Board members present were Jean Campbell, Ray Wilson, Marilyn Ellison, Lester Johnson and Jack Deaton.

The minutes for the December meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report for December was read and approved.

### Old Business:

The election will be held on Tuesday, January 13th. If anyone needs transportation they can contact the Water District office and they will dispatch a volunteer.

### New Business:

Director Jack Deaton moved that certain driveways be cleared of snow by the Water District for people prone to medical emergencies and EMS personnel. Director Lester Johnson seconded the motion. General Manager Gary Scott then mentioned that he had asked Ruidoso, Otero County, and Cloudcroft if they provide similar services. Cloudcroft was the only one that cleared private driveways per a list provided by the EMS. The Timberon Water District doesn't own the proper equipment to clear driveways. Chairman Jean Campbell pointed out that if the Board authorizes the Water District to do this, then it would be General Manager Scott's responsibility to obtain the equipment. The motion

was revised to stipulate that anyone having their driveway cleared would have to sign a waiver regarding damage to private property. The motion carried unanimously.

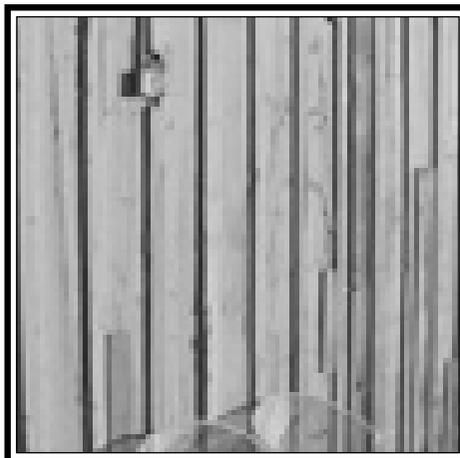
Director Deaton suggested that each Director present a list of goals for the new year. His goals included the purchase of snow removal equipment, improving the condition of the airstrip, the purchase of a new water truck, and an articulated roller. Director Marilyn Ellison would like to see the Road Improvement Policy further defined, and to complete the transfer of the Timberon Memorial Park Cemetery to the Water District. Director Lester Johnson would like to see improvements made to the Pro Shop, lights in the park restrooms, and a continued effort to clean up Timberon until it sparkles. Director Ray Wilson would like see more water reserves and storage. Chairman Jean Campbell hopes to see the incumbent Directors re-elected.

### Manager's Report:

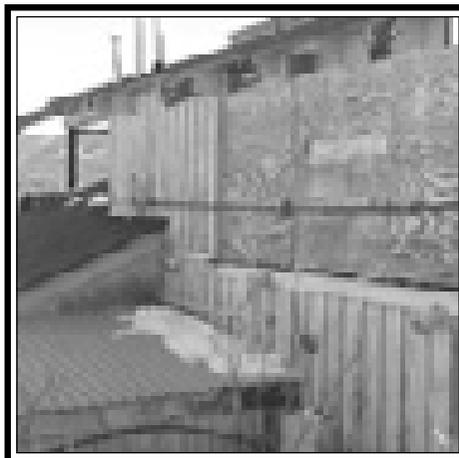
Gary Scott noted that snow removal took up most of the crews' time this past month. The pool fence has been partially repaired and more lumber has been delivered to continue repairs. The employees were allowed to work December 21st and take December 26th off, but the storms caused them to work most of the holidays anyway. County di-

## PUTTING MY TWO BITS IN

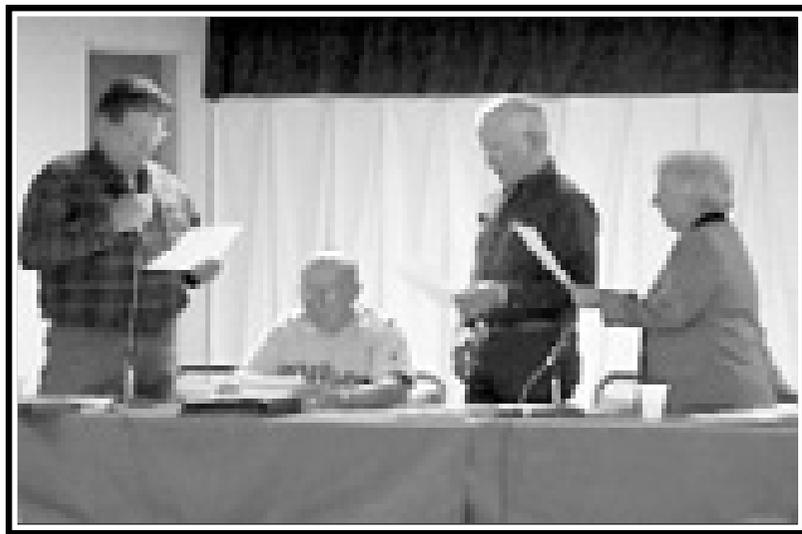
*Editor's comment - Sorry, but I feel I must say something here. It is hard to believe that anyone would complain about work being done on the Pro Shop Building. Not only was the roof needed, but the outside of the building in question has not seen any major repairs in well over 20 years. It is being held together by scraps of plywood and caulk applied by various volunteers over the years. Two years ago volunteers were contacted to paint the exterior, but it was later decided that there was not enough sound siding to hold the paint! A good majority of the visitors to Timberon eventually come to either the Golf Course or the Bar, both of which are housed in this building. It was originally meant to be a showplace, a jewel in the heart of Timberon, now it is an embarrassment to our property owners and should either be repaired properly or, if we wait much longer, demolished and rebuilt. The Board needs to be applauded for such work, not criticized. The pictures below speak volumes about the sorry shape this building is still in. Let's finish the job!*



SCRAPS OF PLYWOOD PATCHING HOLES IN SIDING



BARE SHEETS OF PLYWOOD IN PLACE OF SIDING



CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL GIVING OATH OF OFFICE



VOTERS AT THE POLL IN WATER DISTRICT ELECTION

## TIMBERON WATER & SANITATION DISTRICT FEBRUARY 12, 1998 REGULAR MEETING

A meeting of the Timberon Water & Sanitation District Board of Directors was held on February 12, 1998 at 10:00 AM in the Timberon Community Center. Board members present were Jean Campbell, Ray Wilson, Marilyn Ellison and Lester Johnson. Jack Deaton was excused because of an emergency.

Chairman Jean Campbell administered the Oath of Office to Lester Johnson and Marilyn Ellison.

Chairman Campbell called for nominations for officers. Director Lester Johnson nominated Office Manager Debbie Goss for secretary and Director Ray Wilson seconded. Vote was taken by ballot and was unanimous in favor of Debbie Goss. Director Wilson nominated Director Marilyn Ellison for treasurer and Director Johnson seconded. The vote by ballot was unanimous in favor of Director Ellison. Director Johnson nominated Director Wilson for vice chairman and Director Ellison seconded. The vote by ballot was two for and one against Director Wilson. Director Ellison nominated Director Jean Campbell for chairman and Director Wilson seconded. Jean stated that he wanted to step down and that if voted as chairman he would not hold the position for the remaining two years of his term. The vote by ballot was unanimous in favor of Director Campbell.

The minutes of the January meeting were read by Secretary Goss and approved by the Board.

Director Wilson stepped down as vice chairperson and nominated Director Deaton for the position. Director Johnson seconded and the vote was unanimous in favor of Director Deaton.

The February Treasurer's Report was read by Director Ellison and approved by the Board.

### New Business:

Secretary Goss requested suggestions for the \$250.00 from the County Recreation Fund. Two suggestions were a new backboard for the basketball court and sand for the playground area. Anyone with other ideas can call the Water District office at 987-2250 before the regular March meeting.

Resolution 97/98012 pertaining to open meeting procedures was read. Director Wilson moved to accept the resolution and Director Johnson seconded the motion. The resolution was approved unanimously.

### Director's Remarks:

Director Wilson stated that he was glad to see the incumbent directors re-elected to the Board.

Director Johnson thanked the voters. He also recognized the boys who realigned the activity sign in front of the telephone booth.

Director Ellison also thanked the voters. She then commended the Water District crew for enduring bad weather in order to keep things in Timberon running smoothly.

### Manager's Report:

General Manager Scott has contacted equipment dealers as well as the NM Federal Surplus Property Program for a seven foot snow plow.

A tentative date has been set for February 18th to meet with Mr. Mike Rice of the NM Aviation Division and Nir. Joe Elixia of the Albuquerque FAA in order to discuss the airstrip. The meeting will be posted as soon as it is confirmed.

He assured the Board that one of their concerns had been taken care of. All of the golf cars have been rebuilt and are in top shape.

Hydrologist, Eddie Livingston met with Manager Scott and Director Campbell to discuss better controls for the water system and leak detection equipment.

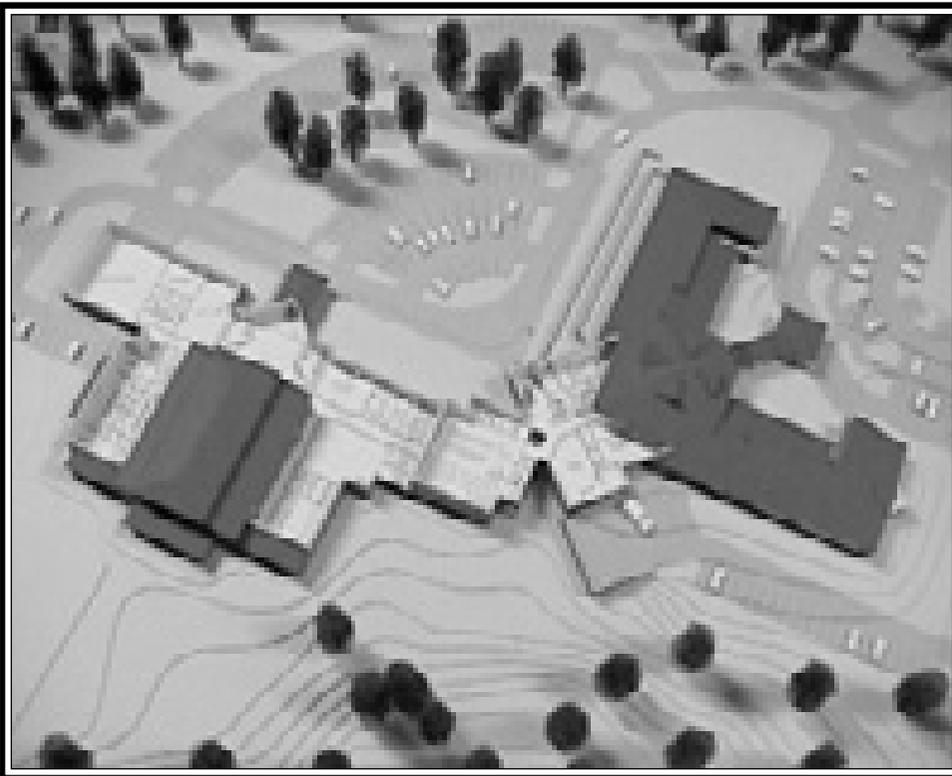
The driveway at the Timberon Post Office has been deeded to the County by Don and Ruby Roberts. As soon as the County Commission accepts it; the Water District will maintain it.

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DECEMBER 1997

<b>11/1/97 BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$376,942.19</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
ROADS	\$0.00
SANITATION	\$0.00
GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP	\$241.24
PARKS, RECREATION & CIVIC CENTER	\$1,137.56
ADMINISTRATION	\$801.70
TWSD TAX REVENUE	\$144,136.46
TWSD WATER DEPT. REVENUE	\$10,210.59
TWSD WATER STANDBY CHARGES	\$546.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$157,073.55</b>
	<b>\$534,015.74</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
ROADS	\$8,587.74
SANITATION	\$1,475.56
GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP	\$6,175.24
PARKS, RECREATION & CIVIC CENTER	\$17,058.07
ADMINISTRATION	\$8,174.33
WATER DEPARTMENT	\$18,653.38
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$60,124.32</b>
	<b>\$473,891.42</b>
<b>END OF MONTH BALANCE</b>	
OUTSTANDING TRANSACTIONS	\$1,874.30
<b>10/31/97 BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$475,765.72</b>

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 1998

<b>11/1/97 BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$475,765.72</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
ROADS	\$0.00
SANITATION	\$0.00
GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP	\$170.67
PARKS, RECREATION & CIVIC CENTER	\$400.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$789.22
TWSD TAX REVENUE	\$70,298.58
TWSD WATER DEPT. REVENUE	\$9,900.02
TWSD WATER STANDBY CHARGES	\$632.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$82,190.49</b>
	<b>\$557,956.21</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
ROADS	\$5,653.97
SANITATION	\$784.40
GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP	\$1,079.91
PARKS, RECREATION & CIVIC CENTER	\$2,693.77
ADMINISTRATION	\$9,883.70
WATER DEPARTMENT	\$17,113.95
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$37,209.70</b>
	<b>\$520,746.51</b>
<b>END OF MONTH BALANCE</b>	
OUTSTANDING TRANSACTIONS	(\$164.50)
<b>10/31/97 BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$520,582.01</b>



MODEL OF PROPOSED CLOUDCROFT HIGH SCHOOL SHOWN AT TIMBERON LODGE



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saster funds should help to reimburse the Water District for some of the overtime needed to plow the roads during the storms.

**Agenda Request:**

Leslie Coutant requested that a place in the Timberon Lodge be used as an exercise room. Anyone interested in donating equipment or exercising should contact Leslie at 987-2460 or write PO Box 25. (see story page 2)

**Director's Remarks:**

Chairman Campbell announced that the water filtration plant is not working properly and that crews are currently trying to repair the problem. All residents are asked to conserve water until Monday.



GENERAL MANAGER GARY SCOTT

Director Wilson stated that since we again have a full time mechanic, he would like to see the golf carts in top shape this season.

Director Johnson thanked the crews for the great job they did keeping the roads cleared of snow.

Director Ellison announced that the library will now be open every Saturday from 11 AM until 1 PM.

Director Deaton reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday.

General Manager Scott thanked Stuart Brown for the book return box he made for the library. He also stated that having a full time mechanic has already been very beneficial in reducing equipment down time.

Director Wilson moved to adjourn and Director Johnson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.



SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO VIDEO TAPE BOARD MEETINGS

**- FEBRUARY MEETING CONT. FROM PAGE 5**

The standby fee billing for the Water Department has been completed on the new billing software. The billing software cost less than \$800.00 and was bought to replace an older program that was no longer going to be supported by its manufacturer.

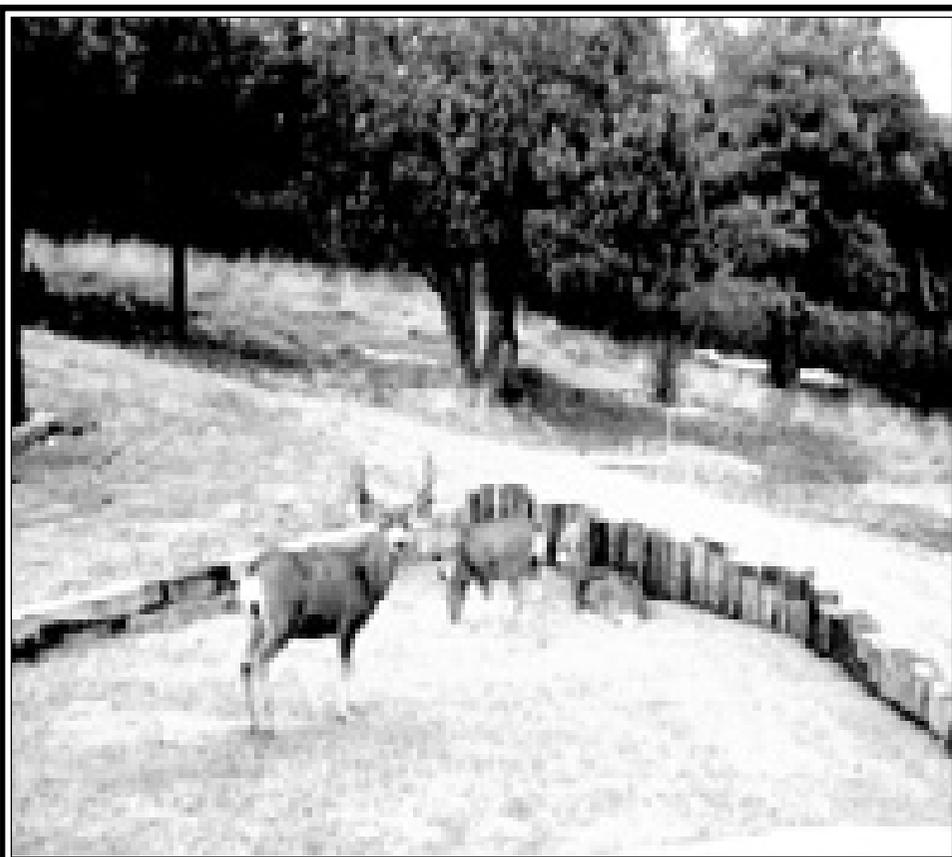
**Agenda Request:**

Rick Merrick, High Country Bar & Grill Manager, presented sketches of improvements to the lounge proposed by Discover Timberon and to be done at their expense. Project 1 is to enclose the Northeast deck with a windowed wall. Project 2 is to build a storage shed outside the kitchen door. Project 3 is to partition the ladies locker room downstairs for additional storage. Project 4 is to replace the salad bar with a steam table and to straighten out the bar and extend it to the Northeast wall. It was decided that Discover Timberon could go ahead with project 3. The Board felt that the other proposals could be pursued, but they needed to be more formal and complete before the Board would approve them.

Cemetery Board President J. J. Duckett advised the Water District Board that the Timberon Memorial Park Cemetery was in the process of the dissolution necessary to prepare for its turnover to the Water District. It would report to the Board again next month.

Chairman Campbell requested to close the meeting for discussion of pending litigation from First National Bank pursuant to NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1 (H)(7). Director Johnson made the motion to hold a closed session and Director Wilson seconded. All Directors voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned.



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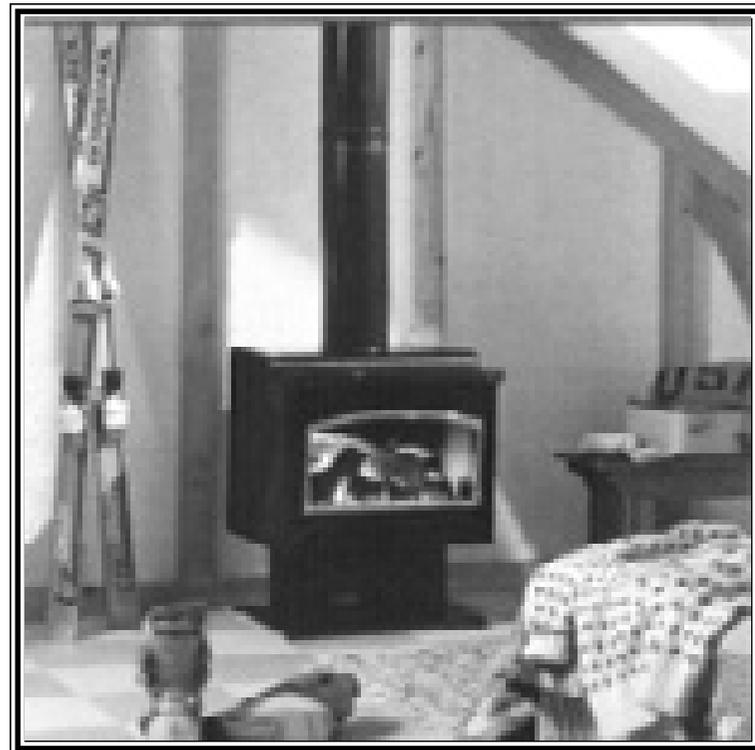
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- Snack Foods
- Eggs & Bread
- Gas and Oil
- Lottery Tickets
- & More ...



The prices are reasonable and the selection good, especially for a small mountain store. Stop in and visit with Lin the next time you're on the mountain!

# things to see



ALL PICTURES BY JEAN GRAY



# things to do



ALL PICTURES ARE BY BETTY REECE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF GOLF BALL IN TREE BY DONNY MARTIN

## MYSTERIES UNRAVELED

by Charles Wagner, CFP

One of the great mysteries of personal finance is: How are social security retirement benefits calculated? The computation itself is something of a mystery. It's so complex that I'm not sure who could have dreamed it up. I am sure that most in Congress don't understand it. In this article we'll take an abbreviated look at what goes into the computation.

We will be concentrating on the method of computing retirement benefits in place since 1979. Before then a different, but equally bizarre, method was used. The changes were instituted in 1979 to help keep benefits more or less inflation-proof. The computation begins by determining a worker's Average Indexed Monthly Earnings (AIME). The AIME is based on the worker's social security wages or earnings from self-employment after 1950, but only up to the social security maximum for each year.

The worker's earnings are then "indexed" by adjusting them for the average national wage increases. The purpose of the indexing is to state the wages in terms of the level of wages in the second year prior to social security eligibility. Generally you are eligible for social security at age 62, so we index to the year in which you turn 60.

Now that you have "adjusted" the earnings, you must next determine the average. Begin this process by determining the number of years after 1950 (or turning 21 if later) and when you turn 62. Got that number? Great, now subtract five. (Why five? Beats me.) Social security calls this figure the "number of computation base years." Now, go back to your indexed annual earnings and select the highest earning years until you have enough to equal the "number of computation base years." For example, you began work at 22 and worked to 62. Your benefits will be computed based on the highest 35 (40 - 5) years of indexed earnings. Finally, total all the indexed years and divide by the number of months in those years. Congratulations, you have just computed the AIME. Have a drink.....or six.

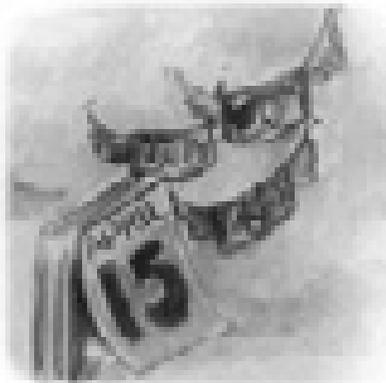
If you thought you're done, guess again. The amount of the social security benefit is equal to the Primary Insurance Amount (PIA). In 1997, a worker's PIA equals 90% of the first \$455 of AIME plus 32% of the AIME over \$455 but less than \$2,741 and 15% of the excess over \$2,741. The "bend points" (dollar amounts) are adjusted for national wage changes.

Fortunately, you don't have to do these computations yourself. The Social Security Administration is happy to do it for you. Just get a Form SSA-7004-PC from your local Social Security Office, fill it out and send it in. In a few weeks the good folks at Social Security will send you an estimate of your benefit.

They will also send you a print out of your "earnings record." Your earnings record is the amount Social Security thinks you made each year. It pays to check this periodically, say every three years. Mistakes are possible and those mistakes can cost you in social security benefits later on.

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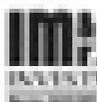
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**TIMBERON CHAPEL NEWS**

The depth of winter is with us. We are seeing more snow than we can remember in many years. This is a great blessing from the Lord. The accumulation of snow fall is an example of the wonderful saving grace of Jesus.

The Lord compares His salvation to snow many times in the BIBLE. We read in Isaiah 1:18 that even though our sins be red as crimson they shall be as white as snow. Again in Job 38:22 we read that there is treasure in the snow. We can examine an old blackened stump and see nothing but dirt and the decayed life which once lived with in it. However, when the snow covers this stump it takes on an entirely different appearance. It becomes beautiful.

This is indicative of our own lives. Before we accepted Jesus as our personal Savior we were

covered with the embarrassment of shame and the blackness of condemnation. However, salvation creates not only a new appearance but instills the life of Jesus within us. The decaying past no longer holds us in it's grip but the resurrected life of Jesus fills the void. We are born again by His power and might. This is a miracle.

The believer in Jesus becomes interested in discovering all the facets of this new life. The wonder of serving the Lord Jesus Christ who is all powerful is a blessing. The knowledge of the Lord causes the believer to investigate the BIBLE thoroughly. The believer finds the answers from the BIBLE for every daily need. The Lord supplies the spiritual blessings and the believer is able to make his living on a daily bases.

This new life in Christ empowers the believer

to greater areas of service. The Lord Jesus Christ is not limited by our inability in any way. His Word and His Spirit have penetrated the darkest regions of our world before and there has never been a generation which has not heard the gospel. He may send you or me or some one else to preach and teach His Word. But the power of salvation is not in the preacher or teacher it is in Jesus.

We live in a pristine part of the world. The beauty of the creation of the Lord is available to us daily. His wonderful work is ours to behold every day and night. I wonder if we give thanks for this often? Many would be glad to live here and enjoy what we take for granted. This causes us to remember our responsibility to the Lord. We must manage this area directly under His

guidance. We must not tolerate the things which bring destruction and judgment from the Lord. Take a good look at your life. We that know the Lord Jesus Christ are not perfect but just forgiven. How about you? Do you know you are saved? Is there enough evidence to convict you if you were called into account for your salvation?

**“Believe on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”**

Come worship with us and enjoy your new life in Jesus.

Buddy Cobb  
Pastor Timberon Baptist Chapel

**WHAT IS CALVARY COMMISSION TRIBAL MISSIONS AND HOPE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP?**

Calvary Commission Tribal Missions is a nondenominational, Christian organization. Hope Christian Fellowship is a division of Calvary Commission, Tribal Missions, which is a missionary organization committed to taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world. We presently have 386 churches world wide. We have 3 orphanages, one being in Mexico and two in India. We also have 3 missionary training schools, along with a few rural clinics. We have many prison ministries in various parts of the world. We are presently working in 11 different countries: USA, Mexico, Belize, Guatemala, Romania, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, India, Nepal and Bhutan. Our intentions are to continue spreading the gospel and planting churches in as many places as we can around the world. Romans 15:20 says, “All the while my ambition has been to go still farther, preaching where the name of Christ has never yet been heard, rather than where a church has already been started by someone else.”

This too, is our ambition. The majority of our work is in very remote and hard to reach tribal areas. We have a deep concern for people who have never heard of Jesus Christ. The remoteness of many of the tribal groups makes it very difficult to find them and preach the gospel. I remember one tribe in India that had never been penetrated before, mainly because of the violence. Even the other neighboring tribes did not enter into this territory for fear of their lives. After much thought and prayer, a couple of us decided to try and visit this tribe. First we had to get government permission because it was strictly against the law to enter this area, (for public safety reasons). After spending a few hours with the governor of that state, he not only gave us permission to enter but personally went with us and gave us an escort. As we walked to the top of this beautiful mountain we saw many small, naked people scurrying around. They did not know what to think of us. We were so white, so different and, to them, so big. They reluctantly and fearfully received us into one of their villages. My heart immediately began to feel compassion towards these people. After a little while they could sense that we were no harm to them and they began to smile and warm up to us. We were only able to spend an hour with them on that first trip because of the governor. But as we left I knew, somehow, some way, that we must return. Six months later the governor gave us permission to plant two native literacy workers in this village. Within two years I myself was able to return along with two of my daughters. What a difference! The entire village came out to welcome us in a festive manner, putting garlands of flowers around our necks. The chief of the village formally welcomed us into their presence. The chief asked us to establish a church and a clinic in the village. We quickly hired a Christian native doctor to work there and have, since then, established a church in the village. This



has all taken place in a 3 year period. The Church is doing well and there is even one tribal missionary that has been raised up out of this work.

Amazingly, this particular work started with just a thought. “I wonder if we could get into this remote, primitive tribe?” I still wonder, “Where did that thought come from?” I now believe the thought came from the very heart of God. I believe God has always wanted to give these people, as well as every other people group on planet earth, an opportunity to come to Christ. I believe it is our obligation, and our privilege, as a Church, to see that every person has a chance to come to Jesus Christ.

Occasionally someone will say, “Why don’t you leave these poor people alone? They’re just fine the way they are”. But in reality they are not fine. I have spent 20 years working in these different primitive cultures. It is anything but fine. In many of these cultures the mortality rate still exceeds 50%. How would you like to lose half of your children? In some of the tribes we work with, they still do human sacrifices. I know people, personally, that in the past has done this, but Christ has now completely changed their lives. They still, for the most part, dress the same. They still live in grass or mud huts or maybe even a cave. They still farm and hunt the same as they always have. But the changes we see are more in the realm of character, personality and attitudes. Christ effects peoples lives in very positive ways.

This is who we are. This is what we do. Our whole purpose as a mission and a church is dedicated to helping people everywhere to find Christ and follow His wise teachings in the Bible.

Hope Christian Fellowship meets at 10:00 am on Sundays at the Lodge. The public is welcome. If you have any questions you can call me at 987-2323.

*Because of lack of space we will continue this subject in the next issue.*

Jim Moss  
Pastor of Hope Christian Fellowship  
a division of  
Calvary Commission Tribal Missions

## TIMBERON COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

The Timberon Community Action Group held its monthly meeting January 17th in the Timberon Lodge. All members but Larry Watson were present.

Representing the Timberon Property Owners of El Paso was member Everett Putney and wife Jackie. We recall T.P.O.E.P.'s generous contribution last year to our community: \$50 to the Fire Department, \$200 to the School, \$100 to the EMTs, and \$100 to the Senior Citizens Van. Our off-mountain people are important to our community.

Due to poor attendance, it was decided to have some sandwich signs made to be placed out the week of the meetings (like the Lions Bingo signs).

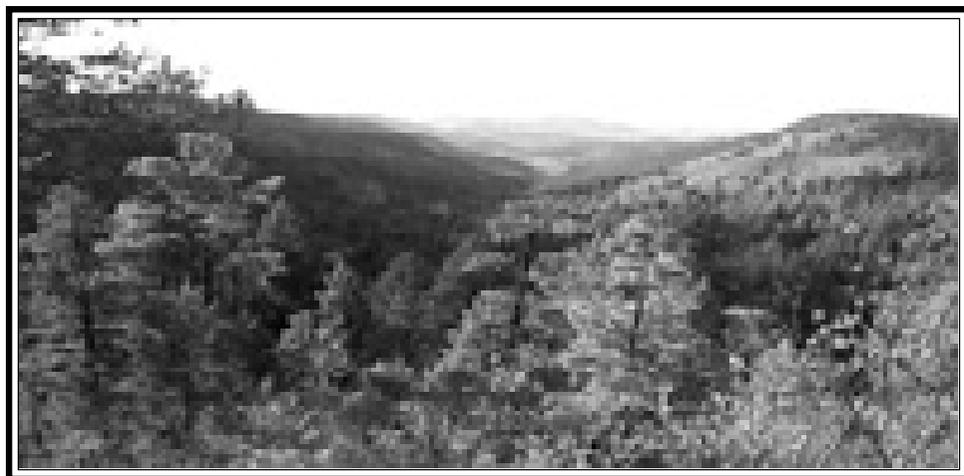
February 4th there will be some gentlemen, Andy Parker of Belen with some men from Santa Fe, to discuss our airstrip.

Geraldine Rivers will be here February 21st to discuss the progress and outlook for the paving of the 14 miles, the Sacramento River Road Project.

We will again sponsor our two dances on July 4th and Labor Day, September 5th, with the Tullie Creek Band.

It was determined that our community will derive some benefits from C.A.S.T. (Cloudcroft Area Sustainable Team).

Also to be looked into is the relocation of the Timberon Community Bulletin Board outside of the Timberon Mall. Revisions to the design are also required to protect items from the weather.



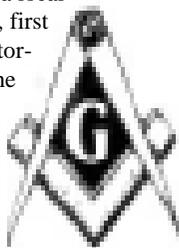
## THE MASONIC LODGE

In my Bible's Cyclopaedia index, steadfastness is defined as being: 'Firm and persistent in one's endeavors.' What brought this to mind was an incident that hap-pened to me last August.

I was called for jury duty by the District Court in Albuquerque, along with 149 other citizens. Fourteen of us were to serve on a jury in a local trial. We spent one day in the courtroom, first being questioned by the prosecuting attorney, and then by both defense counsels. The prosecutor's questions were pointedly directed toward the possibility, that after hearing all the evidence, we could make a firm decision for conviction, and stick to it. The defense attorneys wanted us to consider a plea of "self-defense", and be equally firm in voting for acquittal. I was not selected to serve.

Since that time, I have pondered, often, on whether I could be as steadfast in my ability to either find the defendants guilty or not guilty. Things are not always black or white, right or wrong, yes or no!

So it is with our Masonic work. We try to be steadfast in trying to make good men better. We give them "evidence" of wisdom accumulated through the ages by our forefathers and present it to them so they can be "firm and persistent" in their endeavors to worship our Almighty God and become good citizens. How they "judge" these instructions is a matter in which the individuals must decide for themselves. As in the third degree, we charge them: "Your honor and reputation are alike concerned in supporting with dignity the respectable character you now bear. Let no motive, therefore, make you swerve from your duty, violate your vows, or betray your trust; but be true and faithful..."



As it is written in I Corinthians, 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, Unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lodge, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Ralph O. Gulder  
Grand Chaplain  
New Mexico

Let us rather say that Masonry, as we see it in our dreams and seek to realize it in our fellowship, is like one of the cathedrals which our Brethren built in the olden time; faith its foundation, righteousness its cornerstone, strength and wisdom its walls, beauty its form and fashion, brotherly love its clasped arches, reverence its roof, the Bible its Altar, mysticism its music, charity its essence, fellowship its sacrament, its symbols windows nobly wrought, half-revealing and half-concealing a Truth too illusive for words, too vast for dogma, and too bright for eyes unveiled, and only hinted to us until we are ready and worthy to behold it with other clearer eyes than we know.

Joseph Fort Newton

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## TIMBERON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT



One of the recent training highlights for the Timberon Volunteer Fire Department was the early lighting of the Christmas Tree.

Stand by Timberon, it is going to happen again. Assistant Chief Tom Ward said "The Christmas Tree is coming to Timberon on Saturday, March 7." As in the past, there will be two burnings...one during the day and one after the sun has dropped slowly into the west.

"As usual, the public is invited to attend both burnings," Fire Lieutenant Debbie Goss said.

During the February meeting, the membership voted to bring back the Junior Membership to the department. "Due to the nature of the department business, the Junior Membership is limited to those between 12 and 17 years of age," Chief Dave Ayers said.

All the Junior Members will attend regular meetings, training sessions and other departmental functions. "These future firefighters will not take part in any live fire training or fight fires of any kind," Ward said.

Many people do not realize it, but their home owners insurance premiums are somewhat regulated by your fire department.

The Timberon Fire Department is rated a nine by the Insurance Service Organization, with a ten being the lowest rating. The higher the rating number, the higher the premium.

With this in mind, training will begin in the near future to enable the fire fighters in the department to demonstrate their ability and hopefully get our rating down to six or seven.

The ISO representative inspected the department and its facilities last Fall and gave a satisfactory rating.

"Much work will have to be done by each firefighter, attend the extra training sessions necessary to achieve this lower rating," Chief Ayers said.

Dave Ayers  
Fire Chief



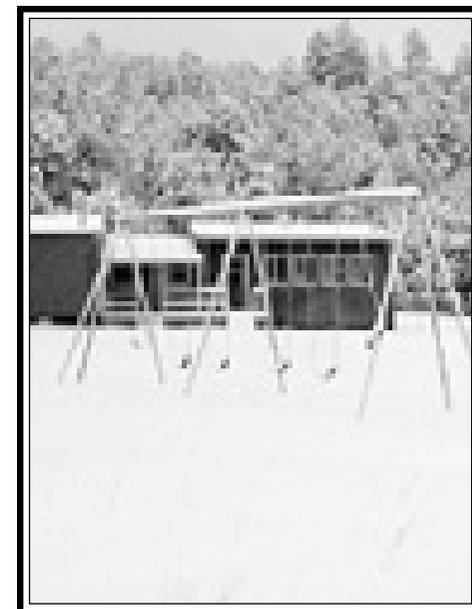
# SMILE

The School Boosters meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM on January 15, 1998. The minutes were read from the December meeting and were approved. Shantel Keune reported on the treasury funds and they were approved.

Old Business was discussed. The storage building can wait until the job can be hired out. The Bond Elections in May can help pay for the building. We are included in this Bond.

New Business was discussed. We need to remember to give Jesse the minutes to be published in the paper. On January 27th there will be a 100th Day Party for the kids. Maybe we can have pizzas from the High Country. Yes, they are willing to make us a good deal for the party.

Yvonne Ross



TIMBERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**TIMBERON LADIES EXTENSION CLUB**



The Timberon Ladies Extension Club hosted the following guests for their January meeting: Mr. Starkey, Superintendent of Cloudcroft Schools, and School Board Members Ramona Elrod and Allen Henry. Mr. Starkey introduced local resident Danelle Ross, who is a member of the Building Committee. The Building Committee is made up of teachers and community members who are reviewing and offering suggestions on the plans for the new Cloudcroft High School. After their informative presentation, a discussion began in which members were encouraged to ask questions on the subject.

Another guest was Charles Wagner, CFP. He gave a very informative talk on the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and the new Roth IRA.

By way of an update, the Children's Section of the Smith Memorial Library is now completed due to the efforts of the Kingdom Builders. The club would like to officially thank these young men for their service to the community, as well as to the club, who appreciate their time and effort in helping us to complete this project.

There were also some metal shelves donated, which were painted very colorfully to attract young readers, but the library says they are in need of childrens books to fill these shelves. Just bring the books to the library at the Timberon Lodge and they will be put to good use.

The February meeting will be held on the third Thursday, as usual, at 10:15 AM in the Timberon Lodge. This month's craft will be lace fans made from plastic forks as a base. If you wish to make your own fan be sure to bring lace, ribbon, and ribbon roses to complete your craft. Jean Gray and Bernice Hicks will be teaching us how to make these lovely fans.

If you are interested in the subject of Medicare, Charles Wagner will be speaking again to the club at the February meeting.

Denise Corder



**SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

Have you noticed the new wall just before the hall in the Timberon Lodge? That's the beginning of our children's section that the Water District approved some time ago.

Joe Nugent, with sons Dylan, Keith and Barrett built it as a community service project. Jack Deaton furnished the panels and the Ladies Extension Club paid for the other materials. Thanks everybody!

For the inside, Denise and George Corder supplied some shelving and John and Caroline Bompert of Blue Water Real Estate donated some more. Denise has been painting them in bright colors. This has to be a labor of love. We appreciate what you've all done, and the children certainly will too.

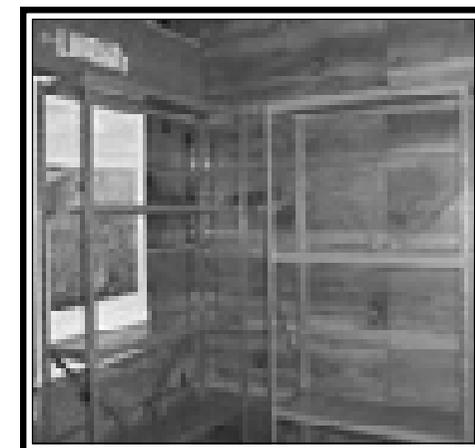
Allen Henry and Ramona Elrod of the Cloudcroft School Board and Flo Stapleton, in John's memory, gave us a total of \$175.00 to buy new children's books. This will be a happy chore we'll share with Jean Green and Deana Sofolo. Their assistance in the selection will insure the best choices. We are certainly grateful for these gifts.

Then there's the new drop-box on the front porch. It will make returning books and videos simpler for patrons in a hurry. We are much obliged to Leslie Coutant, Stuart Brown and Tom Cook for this effort. Leslie supplied the initiative; Tom, the materials; and Stuart, the construction.

We've done a little donating ourselves recently. For the second time we've sent a box of books to Betty Dare Nursing Home in Alamogordo. Louise Kennedy and Alma Welch have been kind enough to deliver them.

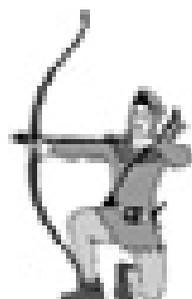
For those who haven't heard, the library is now open on Saturdays too. The hours are the same as Mondays and Wednesdays - 11 to 1, and Leslie has volunteered to be there for you.

Grace Meyers



THE INSIDE OF THE NEW CHILDREN'S SECTION THAT IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION

**THE TIMBERON PROPERTY OWNERS OF EL PASO**



The Timberon Property Owners of El Paso were privileged to host Jesse Duckett, from the Mountain Times, as guest speaker at their February meeting. His presentation included information on the editorial policies and changing format of the Mountain Times newspaper. He promised us that he would include an abundance of pictures in each issue. In a question and answer session, he brought the T.P.O.E.P. members up-to-date about events on the mountain.

Vice President of T.P.O.E.P., Charlie Bain, explained the procedure for Timberon's participation in the C.A.S.T. (Cloudcroft Area Sustainable Team) grant. It involves the acquisition of funds for Cloudcroft and twelve surrounding communities to promote tourism in the Lincoln National Forest area. He also described another available program to advance the mountain area. Bain expressed the viewpoint of many of the T.P.O.E.P. members about the necessity of having adequate restaurant facilities in Timberon, especially on weekends and holidays of "high use" months.

T.P.O.E.P. meets at 2:00 PM the first Sunday of every month at the Vista Hills Country Club. A buffet lunch is available at 1:00 PM, prior to the meeting. The group is looking forward to having Johnny Wilson from the U.S. Forest Service as a guest in the near future.

Marian Parsons



TPOEP MEETING AT VISTA HILLS COUNTRY CLUB IN EL PASO



Photo by Jean Gray

- Early Days Continued



RICHARD SPARKS

of 1972. The Timberon Property Owners Association is now in the process of taking over the Lodge. The Association needs revenue to work with. The Association will soon be responsible for Lodge maintenance, the stocking and cleaning of the lakes, pool area maintenance, and the security guard. The Association will be also collecting revenue from the water taps (approximately thirty already)

\*In regard to the security guard, by May 1, 1973 we are putting a very nice entrance in on the road from Sunspot. This entrance is to be manned by a security guard who will also be responsible for the protection of property owners' cabins. There will eventually be two guards and two entrances, the second from the back road.

\*We also need to obtain a fire truck to put up on the property, which would be controlled by the Property Owners Association.

\*There was discussion on the necessity of

making and following rules on the Golf Course. Some of the ideas were: only members get to play on weekends; only five guests per year, per member; and there was a suggestion of maybe putting in a third nine for short golfers. We must have very strict rules on the Golf Course. There needs to be a very strong Board (or man) to control it. Ed Jennings is doing a terrific job... we must not overrun his decisions on times to be open for play. His main interest is the overall betterment of the course.

**Timberon Log dated November 4, 1972**

\*Our Board of Directors consists of Richard Sparks, Johnny Mobley, Anthony Perrotto and Dave Tappan. We are currently one member short and are sending out a ballot to all the property owners with the following nominees: Bob Edwards, C.W. McFarland, Col. F. Stano, Truman Jones and Lester Pierce.

\*The grounds around the Lodge and swimming pool have been planted, fenced in and cleaned up.

\*The Golf Course is advancing very rapidly. The scars are due to the 30" of rainfall since the middle of August. Once these eroded areas are sodded in solidly they will hold against rains. The Golf Course will open in the Spring.

\*The Sales Office is scheduled to move out of the Lodge shortly after the first of the year.

\*There will be a twenty-unit condominium build, starting construction by February 1<sup>st</sup> and hopefully in operation by late Spring.

\*We still have plans to put in a really nice dining room in the upper part of the Lodge, complete with chef.

\*There are now two lakes in service. The upper lake is stocked with 18,000 fingerling trout. There are plans to put an all weather walk around the lakes. A waterfall is also in the planning.

\*These facilities are ours as property owners and it cost money to maintain them. To date, the developer has carried the entire cost of this upkeep, however it is estimated that the developer will be out of the picture in about three years. We must begin now to be ready for a complete takeover when that time comes.

\*The assessment of \$25 per membership, per year, will provide a portion of the revenue needed for the maintenance of our facilities. There will be other forms of revenue coming into the Property Owners Association in the form of monthly payments from water taps (of which there are now 37). The Utility Commission is in the process of setting this rate. To date, the developer has put in approximately \$350,000.00 into the water system alone (if it hadn't been for Carriso Springs, it would have been \$550,000.00). This water system is a real asset to the Association and revenue from it will accrue directly to the Association.

\*The total facilities on the property, when completed, will value approximately \$5,000,000.00. This membership is definitely a thing of value.

\*As promised by Richard Sparks, a full and comprehensive report on the progress of the roads is being formulated and will be sent out shortly.

**Timberon Log dated January 25, 1973**

\*From the beginning of Timberon it has been understood that the Property Owners would eventually take over the care and maintenance of the common facilities in Timberon. The developer's contract with the buyers of

Timberon property included the construction of all common facilities and maintenance of them until the Property Owners Association could assume this responsibility.

\*At present, excluding the existing water system, the Property Owners have for their common use and enjoyment the following property which is managed by the Association: the paved 5000' air strip and parking apron valued at \$125,000.00; the Lodge and grounds valued at \$250,000.00; two fishing lakes valued at \$30,000.00; and the swimming pool valued at \$60,000.00.

\*Later, the Association will accept the responsibility of maintaining and collecting the revenue from the water system. This system presently consists of 35 miles of installed distribution lines, 15000' of 10" transmission line from the springs, and two interconnected reservoirs with a total value of \$600,000.00.

\*Other assets now existing for common use, but not yet taken over by the Association are 227 acres in the championship golf course area (nine holes of the golf course were seeded in the summer of 1972 and will be open for play early in the summer of 1973) and 81 acres of parkland in various parts of the project.

\*Title of this property has not yet been transferred to the Property Owners Association.



BILL (SMITTY) SMITH

The developer stands ready at any time to convey this property at our option.

\*Robert Edwards was elected to fill the vacancy on the Board and will serve 1 year as Secretary of the Association.

**Timberon Log dated March 17, 1973**

\*The Northern Road from Sunspot is deeply rutted, almost impassable because of the extreme winter moisture. Southern Road (506) is in good shape, has approximately 21 shallow fordings, and is being reconstructed because of the efforts of the State School Board. Alternate highway routes are still being sought, but because of government procedures, progress is quite slow.

\*Roads in the Timberon property are being expanded and improved. An additive is being put on the roads to protect them from moisture and make them more truly all-weather.

\*The golf course will open approximately June 1, 1973 and should be covered by excellent grass because of the extremely wet winter.

\*All members of the Property Owners Association will have numbered certificates for each building site. This also includes the large "Block Holders."

\*Dues are delinquent after 90 days. A default notice will be sent at 60 days and subsequently a property lien will be attached to the property.

\*The purpose of the Board of Directors is to manage the community properties for the good of all the property owners and no remuneration is made to the directors for their time.

\*The Lodge will have a restaurant and improved living facilities in the near future. Salesmen will be quartered outside the Lodge and will pay for their use of the Lodge in the same manner as anyone else. It is expected that a condominium will be opened in the community area for the use of property owners and buyers, hopefully by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

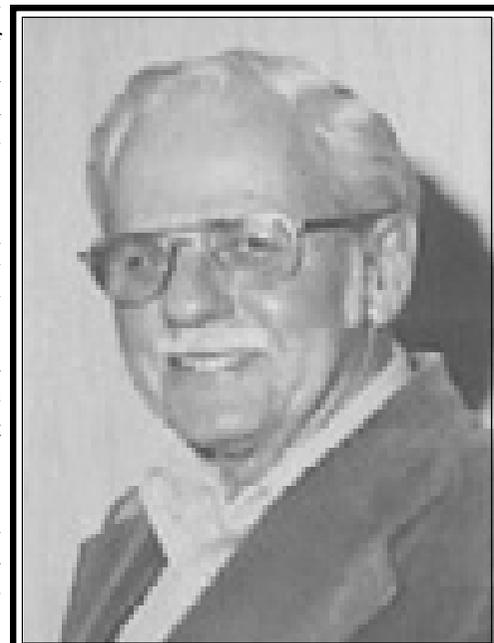
**Timberon Log dated November 10, 1973**

\*Mr. Steve Cilino is working on obtaining a new South entrance road into Timberon. He is approaching the problem by going through the Commanding General of Ft. Bliss on behalf of all Timberon property owners. Mr. Cilino is proposing the following route: use New Mexico State Highway to 17 miles west of Highway 54, then north up over the ridge ending at Sacramento Canyon. We would have the sole responsibility of securing the road at our end. He has assured the General that we will in no interfere with missile firings. He has asked that all Timberon property owners sign a list that will be attached to a letter for the General with the purpose of acquiring permission to use such a road.

\*Mr. Bill Berkebille is working on the Northern route into Timberon from Cloudcroft. North American Land Development (the developer) has attempted to improve and maintain this road, but has encountered opposition from the County and Forest Service. However, North American Land Development has now been given the position of acting as the agent concerning these road matters for Otero County. North American Land Development is now in the process of repairing the river crossings on this road. We are still in need of a gravel pit. The Forest Service has tentatively agreed to let us put one in Apple Tree Canyon. The Forest Service is ready to go on extending the road from Sunspot to over near Scott Able whenever they can get the funds.

\*In respect to the South road to Weed, North American Land Development is prepared to remove the first six river crossings. Dr. Stovall, Superintendent of Schools, from Otero County is in favor of supporting this southern route. The County Commissioners from Otero County have been very cooperative.

\*The 18 acres, which was deeded to the Property Owners Association in March of 1973, has been leased to Mr. Roland (Ski) Skalmusky for the maintenance of the Lodge and restaurant.



BILL BERKEBILE

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\*In the last year both of the fishing lakes have been restocked, the roof of the Lodge was repaired, and a good deal of the Lodge was repainted.

\*We have purchased a fire pumper to be used off the swimming pool or ponds. It is on a trailer, so it may be pulled to any place on the property. This is not the answer to our fire protection, but it is a beginning.

\*We invested in a security vehicle for Mr. Bill (Smitty) Smith, our security guard at Timberon. Smitty holds a Deputy Sheriff's commission from Otero County and has a background of 25 years in law enforcement. His new security vehicle is equipped with a CB radio and a complete First Aid Kit. A State Police radio has been ordered and should be here by December 10<sup>th</sup>. Emergency systems have been set up with the Alamogordo Police Department.

\*Mr. Bill Pozanac, Bill Berkebile and Ed Jennings have been deputized as special deputies to assist Smitty.

\*Col. Griffin feels that our county taxes should be used for fire protection. We have corresponded with the County concerning this possibility, but until we are a municipality we can not count on too much assistance. Dave Tappan said that there is a New Mexico law that offers help to organized Volunteer Fire Departments. Bill Berkebile suggested that we should inquire at the County Assessor's office as to what is being done with the tax flow that is coming from the Timberon area and report the finding to the property owners.

\*Mr. Berkebile looked into the possibility of acquiring mail service into Timberon. The postal authorities cited the condition of the road leading from Sunspot and the small number of families living in the area as reasons to deny service. He was told that if all of the people who reside in Timberon would transfer their post office box to Sunspot it may show a greater need for this service.

\*Bob DeSpain complained about the trailers which were located on lots that were not in the trailer section of Timberon. He feels that we should abide by the Restrictive Covenants and not allow this. The developer, Mr. Mobley, indicated that letters have been sent out to these people by his attorneys and action was being taken to remove the trailers in question.

\*The problem of obtaining telephone service to Timberon is being looked into by Bill Berkebile.

*Thus ends the first segment of the history of Timberon as taken from the Property Owners Association record. We will continue doing at least one year of history every month until we eventually run out of records.*



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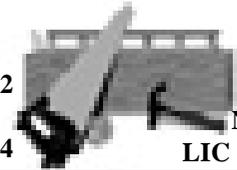
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**IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 1998**

**19th (Thursday)** The **Timberon Ladies Extention Club** is meeting at **10:15 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**. The guest speaker is Financial Consultant Charles Wagner who will speak about Medicare.

**21st (Saturday)** The **Timberon Community Action Group** is meeting at **2:00 PM** in the **Timberon Lodge**. The guest speaker is Gerry Rivers who will speak to the community about the progress that has been made on paving the 14 mile road to the Sunspot Highway.

**MARCH 1998**

**5th (Thursday)** The **Timberon Fire Department** will have its monthly meeting at the **Firehouse**.

**7th (Saturday)** The **Timberon Masons** will be putting on a 1st Degree for Everett Putney at **10:00 AM** in **Sacramento Lodge #24, Alamogordo**.

The **CAST** meeting will be held at **1 PM** in the **Cloudcroft Community Center**. All mountain area residents are urged to attend.

The **Timberon Fire Department** will have a Propane Christmas Tree Burning exercise at **2:00 PM** on the **airstrip**.

**9th (Monday)** The **Zeta Beta Sorority** is meeting at **10:15 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.

**11th (Wednesday)** The **Timberon Water & Sanitation District** will have a public work session at **10:00 AM** in the small meeting room of the **Timberon Lodge**. This is an informal meeting where the public is encouraged to participate. The work session is the best time for you to voice concerns and share ideas with the TWSD Board!

**14th (Saturday)** The **Timberon Water & Sanitation District** will have the monthly meeting at **10:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**. This is a formal monthly meeting for the conducting of business. After the meeting is closed the Board allows comments and statements from the audience.

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**REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS -**

**Exercise Class** is held every **Monday and Wednesday** at **9:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.

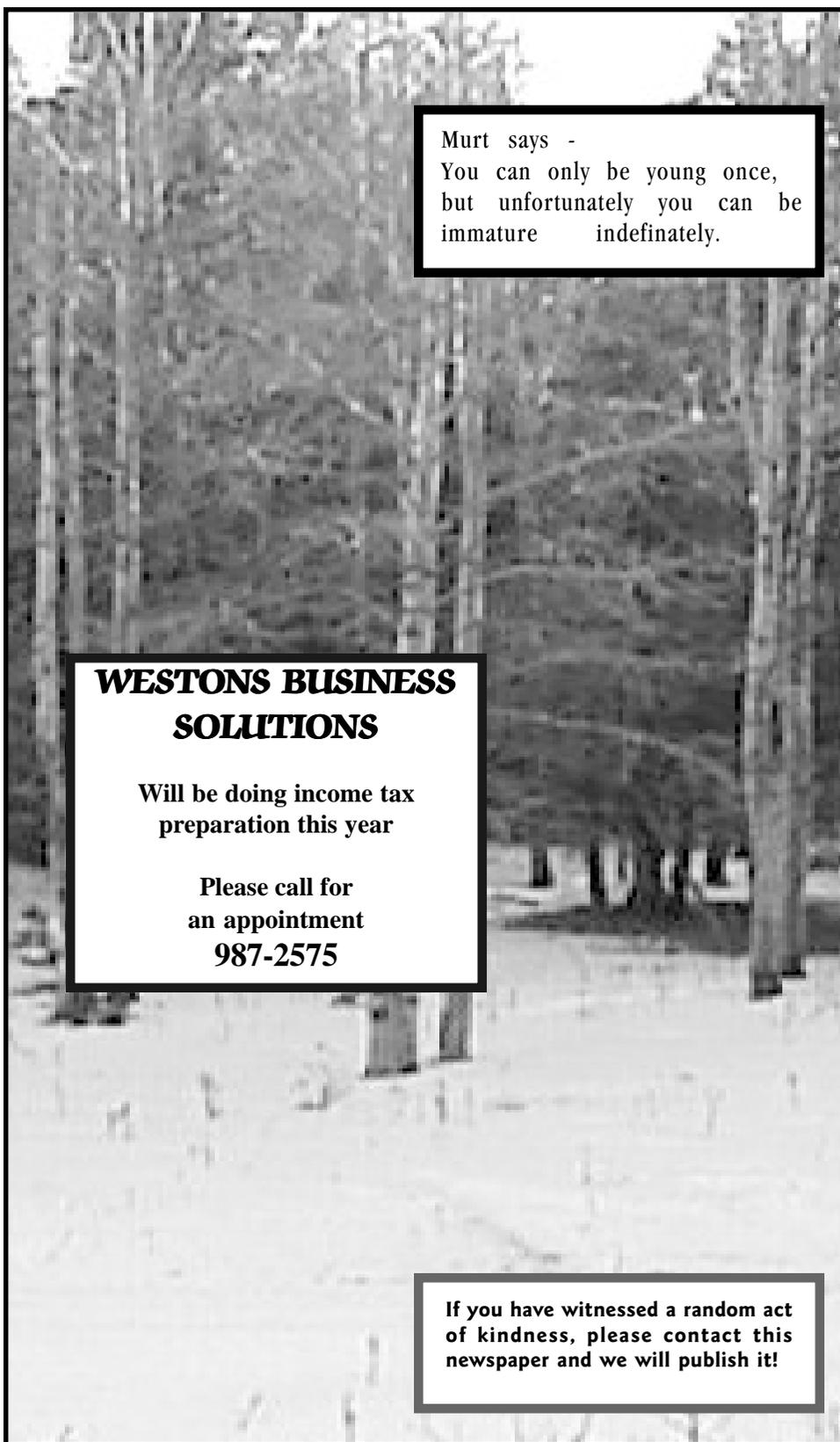
**Smith Memorial Library** is open: **Mondays & Wednesdays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Fridays 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**Saturdays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

The **Senior Citizen's Van** leaves the **Timberon Lodge parking lot** promptly at **8:30 AM** every **Tuesday morning** for Alamogordo. The van leaves Alamogordo at approximately **3:00 PM** to **5:00 PM** for the return trip to Timberon.

**There are probably some things left out of this calendar. If your organization has something coming up, please call 505-987-2561.**



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