

# Mountain Times

April 15, 1998 Timberon, New Mexico Seventy-five Cents



## EASTER EGG HUNT

Timberon had another great Easter egg hunt this year. A lot of good people worked very hard to make this a special day for the kids, and it was!  
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## THE EARLY DAYS OF TIMBERON, PART III

For those who did not read the last couple of issues, this is the continuing story of the Timberon Property Owners Association. The papers left behind by this association present a fair reflection of what was going on in Timberon during the earlier years.

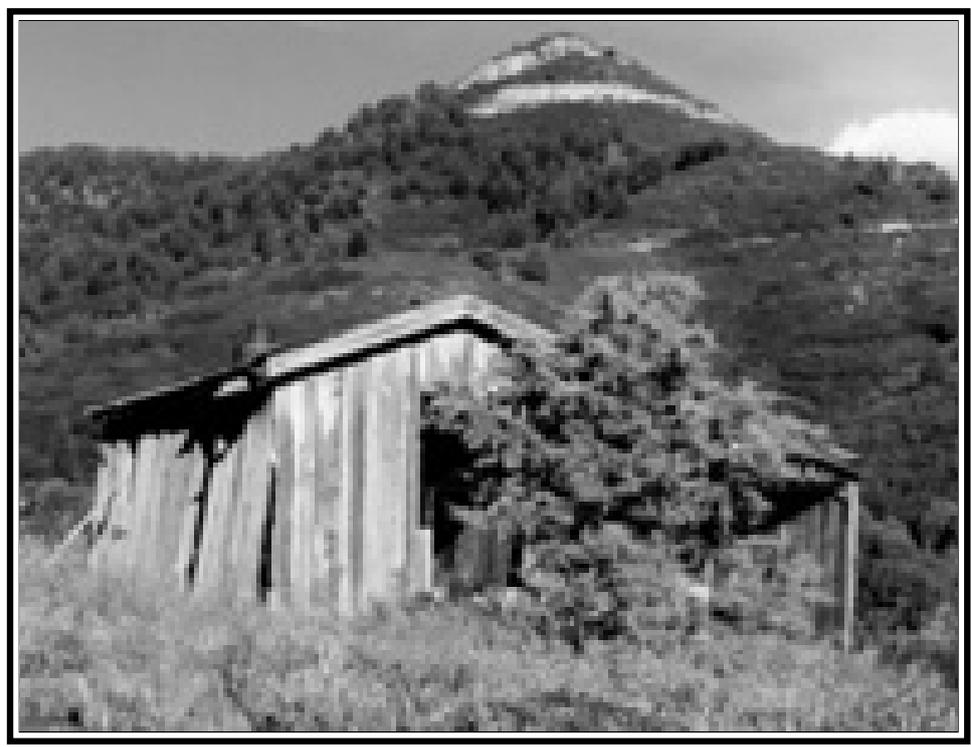
These papers were gathered and condensed, without any added commentary or speculation, so you might see things as those early property owners did.

Let us now continue down the road with the Timberon Property Owners; experiencing their hopes, dreams, concerns and decisions that shaped the mountain in ways that we can still see today.

### Timberon Log dated February 7, 1976

\*There will be two resident agents on the property, Joe Fetters will be resident agent over the Fire Department and Ed Jennings over security and maintenance.

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Old Shack by the Springs

Photo by Jean Gray

## LET'S TALK ABOUT OUR TAXES TAXES, TAXES!

Although Spring is a beautiful season of the year, it is also the time when we must pay Federal taxes, immediately followed by property taxes for every other kind of government taxing body! We tend to complain more about the property taxes, it seems, and it is a pretty good bet that a lot of us don't fully understand that system or what we are paying for. Maybe Spring will look a bit better if we study that tax system for a few Spring moments and maybe we will understand it better. Or maybe not!

The first step in this system is an assessment of your property's value. The county tax office does that, and last year the assessment for much of Timberon property was increased

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## TIMBERON TO GET NEW DEPUTY SHERIFF

Terry Montoya, the Deputy Sheriff assigned to Timberon, has resigned from the Otero County Sheriff's Department. Terry is now working for the Cloudcroft Police Department.

The Sheriff's Department is currently doing interviews and background checks on applicants for the position in Timberon. Sheriff John Lee says he hopes to have a name to put before the Otero County Commissioners for approval sometimes in April. "I want to assure the



TERRY MONTOYA

people in the Timberon area that the position will be refilled with a deputy that will live in Timberon or a five mile radius" says Sheriff Lee. "I am very proud of the work

Terry did and wish him all the luck in the world in his new position."

**UPDATE:** Donald Harris has been offered the position of Deputy Sheriff in Timberon. He should be on the job in a couple of weeks after the Sheriff's Department finishes a routine background check.

## A WAL-MART SUPERCENTER IN ALAMOGORDO

The earth work recently started just south of First Street and east of White Sands Boulevard for the Supercenter. Footings will soon go in and overall construction will start in a few weeks. The building supervisor says that if everything goes as scheduled, the new Wal-Mart should be open before the end of the year.

Like all Supercenters, the one in Alamogordo will carry an expanded line of retail products and a grocery. Other things you will likely find there is a flower section, optical shop, tools and hardware, automotive, etc...

The existing merchants in Alamogordo are not living in fear of the new Wal-Mart opening. They plan to compete, basically by offering things Wal-Mart doesn't and concentrating on customer service.

All in all, it seems like a darn good deal for those of us that shop in Alamogordo.

*The above excerpts are from the Alamogordo Daily News - April 5, 1998.*

## HIGHWAY 54 WORK PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER

Anyone that drives the highway between El Paso and Alamogordo will be interested in the news that a seven mile section of the road, starting 17 miles north of the Texas border, will be repaved starting this month. The project should take about five months.

There will also be some construction going on near the Wal-Mart in Alamogordo starting in June or July. This will be the first of three phases in what is called the Alamogordo Relief Route.

Also of interest, the design study for making Highway 54 four-lane from Alamogordo to the Texas border is scheduled to start later this year.

This is what Mohammad Moabed, District 2 Engineer for the State Highway & Transportation Department told the Alamogordo City Commission during the regular meeting last month.

*The above are excerpts taken from an article in the Alamogordo Daily News by Lisa Turner on March 26, 1998.*

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## Not Completely Forgotten

by Harry West

I have been invited to comment on a couple of things that may be of interest to you. Perhaps in doing this I can prevent my views from being forgotten. Quite possibly you may even agree with me.

Just about everyone on the mountain has asked me if I intend to manage the RV Park this year. I did not intentionally seem to be evasive when I said, "I don't know." A lot of factors had to be considered. My final decision was made for me when my knee replacement was scheduled for the same week the park was to open. I cannot do both, and my knee takes first priority.

The park should be supported by everyone here, especially the businesses, because the RV'ers liberally support our church, golf course, shops, grocery store-fuel, and some even plan to purchase property in Timberon.

It has been a desire of the majority of property owners for many years to have a paved road from Timberon to Sunspot. I feel that this will someday be a reality; however, another reality is, this may not happen in my lifetime. Consequently, while we are waiting for the Forest Service to continue to study the pros and cons of this road (which they will do) we should consider the present and work for a decent gravel road in the interim, and be appreciative of the financial help we are getting from our elected representatives in Santa Fe — keeping our main goal of having a paved road before the Forest Service, and our elected representatives in Washington.



## SPEED

Do you think the speed limit on the Sunspot Highway is set too low? It is only 35 MPH. Sheriff John Lee told this paper what we can do about it.

Have whatever group or organization you belong to agree that the speed limit is set too low. Then have your president contact Robert Kurtz. Mr. Kurtz is the Traffic Engineer with the State Highway Department in Roswell and his phone number is (505) 624-3329. Tell him that your group would like to have the Sunspot Highway resurveyed for speed.

## CORRECTION

Last month we published a "freebie" announcing the opening of "Virgil Beagles Real Estate Office" and said that "the Broker will be Bill Norkunas."

Bill Norkunas does not want people to think that Timberon Real Estate belongs to Virgil Beagles. Bill says that the business is his and that he has listings from other individuals besides Virgil Beagles.

## POLICY FOR CORRECTIONS

*The policy of this paper is to print corrections for any mistakes that may appear here, whether they be in articles or other forms. When a request is made for a correction to an article or story, we will normally re-search the subject again to determine whether the request is valid before printing it.*

*Announcements, events, freebies, etc..., however, are public service information. In these situations the validity of the new information is not questioned, we merely print the requested correction.*

- The Editor

Speaking of financial help, it should be remembered that the previous \$150,000 received for improvements on this road consisted of the entire highway memorial fund of Senator Don Kidd, Senator Diana Duran and Representative Terry Marquardt, of \$50,000 each.

I recently returned from a trip, and there was a message on my answering machine from Senator Kidd. He informed me that he was able to capture another \$150,000 for our north road again in this session of the legislature. Man, we could use a lot of friends like him! I think it would be a nice gesture for us to have a "Don Kidd Day" in Timberon. What do you think? If he does not get 100% of the Timberon vote in his next election we should be ashamed.

Even though I am traveling a little more in our motor home now, my first interest is Timberon. I feel confident that Timberon will one day be the very finest of all retirement communities, primarily because of the beauty and scenery, but also because this is such a healthy climate and virtually pollution free. My first purchase here was in 1972 and I have never regretted any purchases I have made since that time.

**UPDATE:** Governor Johnson has taken back all the Highway Funds allocated by the Legislature. Senator Kidd has hopes that in the upcoming special session we may recover some of the funds for the North Road.

T.P. and I want to thank you for your newspaper. It is so good to hear some positive things about our mountain and friends there. We appreciate your accepting the balance of our TCAG subscription too. Then the Murtishaws were kind enough to give us another year of your paper. We love to read it and wait anxiously for monthly news from the place we still love. Keep up the good work, we appreciate your efforts. Our hearts still belong to Timberon. Good luck and best wishes.

Former Timberon residents, T.P. & Alice  
Jeane Hanson

Congratulations on your new publication. Judy and I have enjoyed this new format and look forward to being subscribers for a very long time.

A suggestion concerning photographs. If there are people in the picture, please try to identify them for those of us unfamiliar with them.

Keep up the good work.

Tony & Judy Gonzalez

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I was pleased to receive my copy of the March 15 Mountain Times. I want to compliment you on a good and improved issue. The photography turned out real good and we enjoyed all of the articles. Thanks to all of your contributors. If you are contemplating any short type of messages or important notes between issues via E-mail we would be happy to be on your mailing list.

Keep up the good work.

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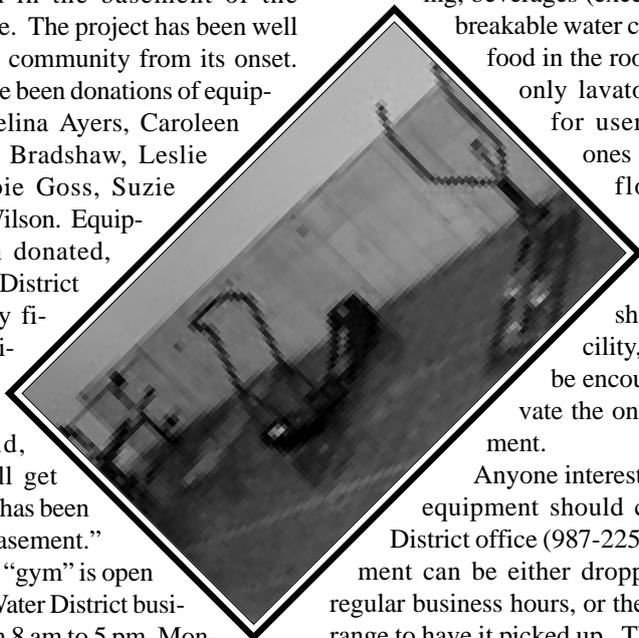
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**PRESS RELEASE - EXERCISE ROOM IN LODGE**

On Saturday, March 14, the TWSD Board gave final approval for the creation of an exercise room in the basement of the Timberon Lodge. The project has been well received by the community from its onset. So far, there have been donations of equipment from Adelina Ayers, Caroleen Bompert, Jean Bradshaw, Leslie Coutant, Debbie Goss, Suzie Sims and Ray Wilson. Equipment has been donated, since the Water District can't accept any financial responsibility for damage. But, as one donor said, "At least it will get more use than it has been getting in my basement." At present, the "gym" is open during regular Water District business hours, from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. The gym is open to the public, although anyone using the gym must first sign in and sign a waiver at the Water District's business office. According to the district's insurance policy, people us-

ing the facilities must be at least eighteen years old. The district also prohibits smoking, beverages (except closed non-breakable water containers), and food in the room. So far, the only lavatories available for users will be the ones on the ground floor of the lodge, though if enough interest is shown in the facility, the board may be encouraged to renovate the ones in the basement. Anyone interested in donating equipment should call the Water District office (987-2250). The equipment can be either dropped off during regular business hours, or the office can arrange to have it picked up. The set up at the moment is fairly basic, but it can be made more sophisticated if the community supports it.

**Come on down and see your gym, Timberon!**



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WILL NO LONGER BE  
DELIVERED TO TIMBERON**

The El Paso Times is normally brought in by the "Mail Lady" from Cloudcroft and put in the paper stand in front of the Timberon Mall.

Lin Foster, owner of the Timberon Mall, says that she was told that the paper would no longer be brought in and El Paso Times would be picking up the news stand. Lin explained that she does not have any control over this development, she only provides the distribution site and receives no money from the paper sales.

No reason for discontinuing the service was given.



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VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP WITH THE TIMBERON  
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**WESTERN BANK  
TO OPEN BRANCH  
IN CLOUDCROFT**

A full service branch of Western Bank will soon open in Cloudcroft. The building, at 505 Burro Avenue, is still under construction and no actual date for the opening is known as yet.

It is known that the branch will be in suite 106 and that the hours will be Monday through Thursday 8 - 5, Friday 8 - 6.

With both Western and First National Bank having branches in Cloudcroft, we will now have convenience and a choice.



**IT'S A PRO DAY SALE  
AT TIMBERON!!!**

Come out and meet your newest neighbor and golf pro at the Timberon Golf Course! Jeff Uphold and his family are eager to meet the residents of the Timberon Community. As incentive to visit the Pro Shop and its employees, selected merchandise will be marked down...

**25-50% off!**

Come see the *new* merchandise that the Timberon Pro Shop has to offer.

***It's all happening April 18<sup>th</sup>.***



It's time to dust off those clubs and prepare for some great golf at our scenic golf course:

The **first** ever **Nitelite Golf Tournament** will be held at Timberon on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This event is a four-man scramble and the entry fee is \$40.00 per person.

Your fee includes:

9 holes of golf during the daylight hours, a fajitas dinner festival with music provided by a DJ, 9 holes of golf during the night hours, and one Nitelite glow golf ball. A cash bar will be located in the dinner tent.

A putting contest will take place during the fajitas dinner. Prizes and gift certificates will be awarded to the top three scoring teams of the tournament.

Spots for this event are limited. For more information and to register call the pro shop at (505) 987-2260.

*This will be the most enjoyable tournament you will play in all year!  
Don't miss it.'*

A ladies tournament will be held at the Lodge on May 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. For more information call The Lodge at (505) 682-2098.

*Ask about the new Mill River Plan. See Jeff for details.*

**THE FIRST ANNUAL**

**Timberon**

**The Lodge**

**Member/Member - Member/Guest  
Golf Classic**

**SATURDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup> 9 A.M. TIMBERON GOLF COURSE  
SUNDAY JUNE 14<sup>TH</sup> 1 P.M. THE LODGE GOLF COURSE**

TWO FORMATS WILL BE USED:

\_A two-man best-ball consisting of two Timberon members/guest or two Lodge members/guest.

\_A combination four-man score consisting of the best ball scores of a two-man team from each course.

The entry fee for members of either course is \$35 plus tax. Guest entry fees are \$61 plus tax.

We will pay at least 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for both two and four man teams. Longest drive-Most accurate drive-and Closest to the hole

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\_Field is limited so you will want to sign up now!

\_Register at your respective pro shop by credit card at least two weeks in advance. Late registration accepted on space available basis.

\_Singles are welcome to sign up and will be paired if possible.

***Food and beverages available.***

***Call for more information and registration.***

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### Rocky Mountain Golf School in its 22nd Year

Every summer since 1977 golfers from all over the country have experienced the personal touch, expert golf instruction and camaraderie of the Rocky Mountain Family Golf School in scenic Gunnison, Colorado. Now in its 22nd season this unique family golf program is offering eight sessions of complete golf instruction during the months of June and July, a season of unrivaled splendor in the American West.

The Rocky Mountain Family Golf School is also unrivaled in the quality of instruction available to golfers at all levels of ability. Heading the teaching staff is Herb Wimberly, PGA professional and former Hall of Fame golf coach of New Mexico State University. Herb is joined by PGA teaching professional Dick McGuire, who coached the University of New Mexico golf team for 33 years, and is also in the Golf Coaches Hall of Fame. Both Wimberly and McGuire have coached standout collegiate golfers who are now making their mark on the PGA Tour - players such as Tom Byrum and Brad Bryant.

One of the special features of the Rocky Mountain Family Golf School is the addition of sport psychologist Dr. Charlie Blanchard to the teaching staff. Dr. Blanchard specializes in performance enhancement, success strategies and personal achievement as a consultant to companies, executives and athletes. Now a competitive golfer, Dr. Blanchard is a two-time Masters Champion of Hawaii's Ironman Triathlon. He utilizes both his professional knowledge and his sports experience to help golfers of all ages learn leading edge psychological tools and mental toughness to improve their golf performance.

The home of the Rocky Mountain Family Golf School is the Woods Golf Center in Gunnison, Colorado. Ollie Woods, owner of Woods Golf and an expert golf teacher, has hosted the golf school since the late 1970's, when he was golf coach at Western State College in Gunnison. The Woods Golf

Center is an excellent "green grass" practice facility, complete with fine turf hitting areas, practice bunkers, target greens, large putting green and pro shop. Video tape analysis of the golf swing is part of the instruction package at Woods Golf

Following individual and small group instruction in the morning, golfers may test their new skills on Dos Rios Country Club or Crested Butte Country Club in the afternoon. Both courses offer challenging layouts for golfers of all levels, along with breathtaking mountain and river vistas.

The Rocky Mountain Family Golf School offers three, four and five day packages at extraordinarily affordable prices. For example, a couple can attend a 3-day school for \$450 excluding accommodations. The 5-day sessions are ideal for junior and high school golfers and their parents and coaches.

Golfers who attend the Rocky Mountain Family Golf School enjoy a superb combination of golf and vacation, since the Gunnison area abounds with more outdoor recreation and sightseeing opportunities than anywhere in Southern Colorado. Outstanding fly fishing, mountain biking, boating on Blue Mesa lake, river rafting, hiking, and sightseeing at nearby Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Monument await energetic visitors. For fine dining and relaxation after a full day's activities, there is an abundance of interesting restaurants and pubs. Accommodations in Gunnison are both plentiful and reasonable.

Typical of what folks have to say about the Rocky Mountain Family Golf School are the comments of Garrey Carruthers, former governor of New Mexico, who states flatly: "For great fun, beautiful scenery, and productive learning experiences, there is nothing like Rocky Mountain Golf School. Our golf game's witnessed marked improvement."

For more information contact: Dr. Charles Blanchard, (505)521-1725 or (800) 758-RMGS

### A SWING THOUGHT

by PGA Professional Herb Wimberly

Cold weather golf, while not nearly as pleasant as a round during warmer months, still can be more enjoyable than most tend to make it.

Consider these points as you evaluate your play this time of year:

\* Too many golfers make the mistake of wearing bulky clothing in an attempt to stay warm, thus sacrificing the ability to provide a consistent golf swing. Even on coldest-playable days, sufficient warmth can be provided by wearing a sweater topped by a light-weight *rain* or *wind* suit (jacket and pants). There is nothing to bind you and combined with the movement of walking and swinging, comfort is assured (a cap and handwarmer will also assist).

\* Don't attempt hard, quick swings. Your hands tend to suffer the most and combine this condition with a rapid swing effort, your grip union will not maintain the necessary control to the club. Tend to grip lightly during address, allowing natural firmness to take place during the backswing.

\* You are never as loose and supple as in warmer conditions, so in executing the second-third shots to the green, choose one or two clubs more than usual. Accuracy is the key here, not distance, so forget the notion of pressing a nine iron to the limit (or beyond) when a smooth seven iron will do the trick!



Herb Wimberly is the Non-Resident PGA Professional at the Timberon Golf Course and a Life Member of the PGA.

This page will carry news of all the recreational activities going on, not just golf. At this time, due to the opening of the course, most of the news we received was on golf.

## RECREATION FEES FOR 1998

### FISHING

<b>11 years and up -</b>	<b>\$6.00</b>	<b>Limit 5 fish</b>
<b>5 - 10 years -</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	<b>Limit 3 fish</b>
<b>4 years and under -</b>	<b>Free</b>	<b>Limit 1 fish</b>

### SWIMMING

<b>\$1.00 per day, per person</b>
<b>\$50.00 Season Pass for family</b>

### GOLF

<b>Green Fees -</b>	<b>9 holes \$8.00</b>	
	<b>18 holes</b>	<b>\$12.00</b>
<b>Cart Fees -</b>	<b>9 holes \$5.00</b>	<b>per person</b>
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SPECIALS**

<b>4/24/98</b>	<b>Pizza Buffet</b>
<b>5/01/98</b>	<b>Chicken Fried Steak Dinner</b>
<b>5/08/98</b>	<b>Hot Beef Sandwich Dinner</b>
<b>5/10/98</b>	<b>Sun - Mother's Day Brunch</b>
<b>5/15/98</b>	<b>Pizza Buffet</b>
<b>5/22/98</b>	<b>Steak Fry Dinner</b>

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A new monthly article for our readers

by Peg Crim

## LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST

**QUIZ:** For what five multiple uses are National Forests managed?

### RECREATION

All campgrounds are closed for the winter. Make your plans now to join us next summer! As always, group campgrounds may be reserved by calling 1-800-280-2267. Family campgrounds are first-come, first-served.

Upper Karr Recreation Area (camping, picnicking, or snowplay) and the Silver Cross Country Ski Trails will remain open as long as weather conditions cooperate. As always, visitors may hike, camp, ski, picnic, or otherwise enjoy themselves anywhere on National Forest land that is not posted closed. Motorized vehicles may be driven up to 300 feet off open roads for the purpose of camping.

According to New Mexico state law, it is unlawful to park any motor vehicle or to camp within 300 yards of any man-made water hole, water well, or watering tank used by wildlife or domestic stock without prior consent of the private landowner, private land lessee, or public land management agency.

### TRAILS

All trails are open to hiking, skiing, and snowshoeing. At this time of year, trail conditions, like road conditions, vary greatly. Clear dry areas suddenly turn to mud, snow, or ice. Often, trees and other debris falls on trails. If you run across any areas that require Forest Service attention, please call or come by the office and give us a description of the problem, including the location. As always, we appreciate any assistance from the public with small trail obstructions that can be safely cleared.

Most trails on the Sacramento Ranger District are open for non-mechanized uses (such as hikers, horse-back riders, skiers, and snowmobilers) and mechanized uses (mountain bikers and motorized vehicles less than 50 inches in width). These trails are shown in green on the Lincoln National Forest Travel Map. Trails that are red on the Travel Map are open to non-motorized and non-mechanized travel only. Please be considerate of all trail users.

### NOXIOUS WEEDS

Noxious weeds are aggressive plant species that are not native to this area. Because they are not from this area, they often have no natural enemies such as insects or diseases that could control their spread. Without natural enemies, they often regenerate and take over areas previously inhabited by desirable native plant species. Noxious weed seeds may be transported into this area by wildlife, livestock, feed supplies, machinery, recreational vehicles, people, wind, or water. Many noxious weeds have an attractive bloom and have been included in dried flower arrangements which can further their spread. These weeds often become established on areas of soil disturbance due to construction, travel, and recreation. Once established, noxious weeds have the capacity to invade adjacent undisturbed native plant communities.

With the NM State Highway and Transportation Department and Otero Soil and Water Conservation District, the Forest Service is planning the 1998 Noxious Weed program. Highway rights-of-way will again be sprayed to control musk thistle, teasel, and russian knapweed. Lowland areas off the mountain will be treated for species such as african rue. The Forest Service will treat approximately 1500 acres for musk thistle and teasel in the Agua Chiquita, Jim Lewis, and Bluewater areas.

If you think you may have noxious weeds on your land, bring a sample to the office for Rick Newmon or Mark Cadwallader to identify.

### SIKES

Do you hunt on Federal (Forest Service or Bureau of Land Management) land in New Mexico? If you do, you must have a Habitat Stamp to go with your license. Where does the money you pay go? Well, about twenty individuals will spend their summer completing wildlife habitat projects on the Lincoln National Forest. Planned projects include water developments such as umbrella trick tanks, spring developments, and drinker installations, the creation of openings in the forest, the fencing of riparian areas, fishery improvements, and various vegetation manipulation treatments.

Water developments are strategically placed to ensure year-round water availability for many wildlife species. Openings break up the forest canopy, allowing different plant species to grow there than in the surrounding forest. This variety in the environment increases the types of habitat available for various wildlife species. Riparian areas are sometimes fenced out for wetland rehabilitation and restoration which benefits all species. Various fishery improvement projects are planned to increase fish cover, maintain proper creek temperatures, increase food sources, and improve spawning habitat. Vegetation treatments include thinning pinyon-juniper woodlands and prescribed burning to encourage browse species.

### WILDLIFE

Look up in the sky this spring. The birds should be migrating north, so everything from hummingbirds to hawks and eagles will be flying over. Closer to the ground, you may see turkey hunters in the woods beginning April 15. Look down to find treasures on the forest floor. After a hard winter, the deer and elk have lost their antlers and are beginning to grow next year's crop.

### BUYING LAND????

If you are purchasing land, always make sure that it has legal access from a public road. If there is other private land between the land you are purchasing and a public road, there should be some type of documentation that you will have access across that land. Documentation may include an easement or documentation in the deeds. (We are NOT legal experts and this is NOT legal advice—if you have questions, please consult a professional). If you must cross land administered by the Lincoln National Forest to get to your private property, i.e., your property is surrounded by Federal land and no public road accesses it, please give us a call at the Ranger Station.

### FIRE HAZARDS AT YOUR HOME

If your house is in the forest, stop by our office and pick up a Wildland Home Fire Risk Meter. The WHFRM is a simple-to-use device that will identify the level of risk your home may be exposed to during a forest fire. It also gives recommendations that you could implement to reduce the risk. **QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED!**

### FIRE SUPPRESSION

Welcome back, Sacramento Hotshots and Engine Crews! We're glad to have you in the area this summer. Congratulations to Mike Testa and Daren Dairymples, new Sacramento Hotshot Squad Bosses!

When doing any burning on your private property, please contact your local Forest Service office in addition to the Sheriff's office. Phone numbers are: 682-2551, 437-2286, or 687-3411. On Sundays, use the 437-2286 number. If we know you're burning on purpose, we won't come put it out!

Fire Management personnel from the Sacramento Ranger District are offering their services to local homeowners to identify fire hazards around the home. These hazards include trees too close to the house, shrubs, ground litter and fire wood. If you would be interested in this service, please call Kathy Montgomery at 682-2551 and we will set up a time to come to your home.

### FUELWOOD

All fuelwood areas are closed for the season. Weather permitting, some new areas will open up in late April. Give us a call after Tax Day to see what is available.

Fuelwood is sometimes available from the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Mescalero. Call 671-4410 for information. Several local sawmills and timber companies also sell firewood. Contact them directly for more information.

NM State law requires that any person cutting, removing, transporting, or selling any woody materials must have the written consent of the owner or proof of ownership with them. This is required whether the woody materials are cut from public or private land.

### MISCELLANEOUS FOREST PRODUCTS

Permits for wildings (small trees to be transplanted to your yard) may be purchased at the Ranger Station. Prices vary depending upon tree size. Fall, after the first frost, is the best time to transplant trees.

Permits for posts and poles (pinyon, pine, aspen, or juniper) may also be purchased at the Ranger Station.

### OFFICE HOURS

The Sacramento Ranger District office in Cloudcroft is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. We will re-open on Saturdays in May. If you would like specific information on an event, campground, fuelwood area, or other topic, please write to : District Ranger, P.O. Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88317, or phone (505)682-2551.

**ANSWER TO THE QUIZ QUESTION:** Wood, Water, Wildlife, Range, and Recreation

# A LITTLE ABOUT THE LAW...

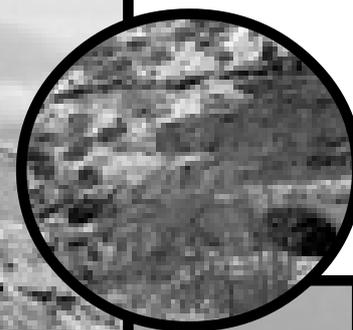
by Sheriff John Lee

When the Mountain Times contacted me about writing an article for each publication of the paper, I jumped at the chance. This is an opportunity for you to ask questions about the law, and I will answer them as best I can. If you have specific questions about laws or law enforcement, please contact me or the paper, and I will do my best to answer them for you.

For the first article I would like to talk to you about the current sex offender registration act of New Mexico. I have some concerns with how this law is worded, and I am working on trying to get it Changed. The sex offender registration act requires any person convicted of certain felony sex offenses to register with the County Sheriff within 30 days of being convicted or released from prison. It also requires that a sex offender from another State that moves to New Mexico has to register within 45 days. They also have to let me know within 10 days if they change their address after they have registered. Failure to comply with this law is a petty misdemeanor, and is punishable by a fine of up to \$500 or six months in jail or both.

The problem that I have is that you may have a registered sex offender living next door to you, and I can't tell you about it. The information that I have can only be given to a law enforcement agency or officer. I am forbidden by State law from telling you. I do not believe that this is fair to the citizens of the County, and I want our State law to say what the current Federal law, which is commonly known as "Meagans Law" says. This law allows me to let everyone in the area know that a sex offender is living among you. At least this way you can provide some protection for your children before something happens.

You need to know that all of our current legislators are in favor of changing the law to reflect "Meagans Law", however they are only a few of the lawmakers for the State. With your help and a lot of citizen input from across the State, I hope that by this time next year I will have convinced the rest of the lawmakers to change the law. Wheels turn slowly in Santa Fe, but I will not stop fighting this until we have a decent law in this State.



*We thought it was Spring, but Winter struck again! As the pictures show, there was snow coming up the mountain from Alamogordo. There was snow below the tunnel, at the tunnel, on the Sunspot Highway, and (of course) on the 14 mile road to Timberon.*



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## TIMBERON GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1998

by Gary Scott

### ROADS:

Our road grading schedule published last fall was delayed by two weeks due to the 4 inches of snow received in the last week of April. Quintin Wittmer has made a very good effort the past several weeks to get back on schedule.

### PARKS AND RECREATION:

James Ross and the crew have been work-

ing long hours preparing the golf course for opening day, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Frayed wiring in the automatic sprinkler satellites required rewiring and new connections. Twenty five broken/damaged sprinkler heads were replaced and thirty heads were repaired in the shop. Early golfers have made the comment that the course is in as good as shape that they have ever seen it.

### ADMINISTRATION:

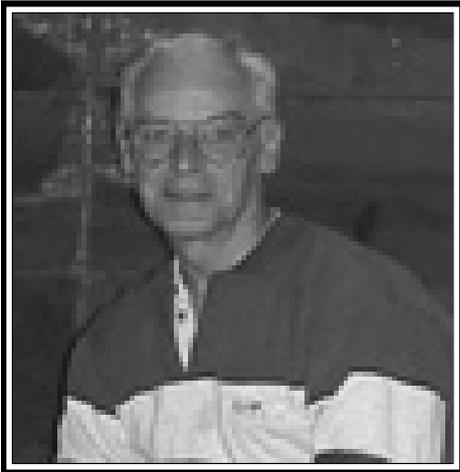
The FAA is requiring TWSD to have a survey conducted on the airstrip to determine elevations of obstructions on the approaches and on either side of the strip. Survey bids are currently being reviewed.

The 1998/1999 budget is currently being reviewed and the Board has been asked to submit their list of projects for the coming year.

### WATER DEPARTMENT:

The water department installed three new water meters and disconnected five meters. The Water Department has made great gains in the past several months in repairing water leaks and making valve repairs throughout Timberon.

Dell Telephone reports three new installations and one seasonal reconnect during the month. Our realtors report the sale of two lots and two homes.



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**GARDEN OF SWEETS**

This adorable white painted wood gazebo comes filled with a scrumptious array of sweets and pretty floral accents. Includes Ghirardelli world famous chocolate, Lindt chocolate truffles, imported fruit pastry puffs and a tin of French pastille candy drops. The gazebo holds small potted plants after the goodies are gone.

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**COUNTRY TEA TIME**

This charming gift basket features a keepsake "country cottage" ceramic teapot and Battenburg lace doily, herbal tea, a teapot shaped sugar cookie, honey, a honey dripper, lemon poppy seed cake, shortbread cookies, Ghirardelli chocolate, and a "honey bear" shaped candle. The teapot and lace doily make a lasting memory for years to come.

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\*The Lodge was again opened for the renting of rooms, with property owners to have first consideration.

\*Due to a growing demand by the property owners, applying pressure on the Board Members, it was decided to get Bill (Smitty) Smith back as security officer.

\*There was concern about increased crime and malicious vandalism on the mountain.

\*The Fire Department was inspected by the State Fire Marshall, who certified us and recommended that we receive state funds.

\*Fire Chief Joe Fetters recommended that the Property Owners Association consider selling the Fire Department one acre of ground for \$1.00 to construct a fire house.

**Timberon Log dated May 19, 1976**

Board Director Dave Tappan sent a letter to the other Board Members with the following suggestions for consideration:

\*That the role of the Restaurant and Lounge be determined as to whether we *must* keep it in operation, if so, should we request that the Developer subsidize it or is that our responsibility as Property Owner Association Representatives.

\*That we consider subsidizing Harry West's quarterly newspaper, as the Developer has already agreed to mail it to all property owners.

\*What the role of the Property Owners Association will be in the next two to five years, as the Developer will undoubtedly be pulling out and turning everything over.

**Timberon Log dated May 29, 1976**

\*The Lodge is now being operated by the Property Owners Association. Betty Cliff is doing a fine job of cooking and taking care of the Lodge.

\*The security light donated by Harry & Ann West is installed on a tree in front of the Lodge and it lights up both the front lawn and the parking area.

\*The Fire Department makes plans to pay back the money borrowed from the Property Owners Association for equipment by holding a golf tournament on the Fourth of July.

\*All Timberon Property Owners Association Members will receive two plastic membership cards that must be presented before playing tennis, swimming, fishing, or golfing.

**Timberon Log dated August 14, 1976**

\*This year during deer hunting season each property owner who has paid their dues will be allowed only one guest, same as last season. Signs will be posted at all three entrances to Timberon and there will be voluntary patrols.

\*Only property owners will be allowed to fish, with a limit of ten fish for a family per day.

\*The Developer, Johnny Mobley donates property for the Fire Department building adjacent to the swimming pool.

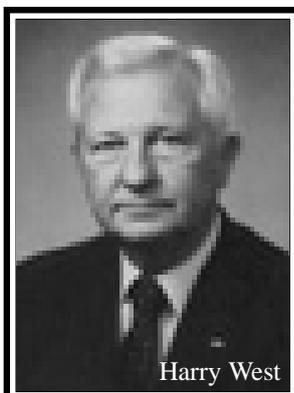
\*The Developer agrees to donate land for a church site in the area set aside for the school, located on the Southeast end of the airstrip.

**Timberon Log dated October 30, 1976**

\*We now have health insurance coverage on all Property Owners Association employees.

**EARLY DAYS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1**

\*At a meeting Harry West informed the property owners that the Timberon Mountaineer (newspaper) was not financed by the Developer or the Property Owners Association. He explained the problems of trying to publish a paper without any money to hire help, travel, etc...



Harry West

The Property Owners Association agreed to reimburse Harry for past personal expenditures if he could not get the money elsewhere.

\*Rev. Frank Wheeler said a site for a church had been promised by the Developer. Rev. Wheeler is coming to Timberon every Tuesday night to have bible study and every Sunday for worship services.



Frank Wheeler

**Timberon Log dated February 19, 1977**

\*It was reported that some wood is being cut in unauthorized areas. The Developer said that he would see that they were redirected to proper areas.

\*The Developer, Johnny Mobley, reminds the Board that the lower fishing lake will have to be drained in order to be sealed. The fish will be removed and put back in after it has been sealed and refilled. He said the seeping of the lake is causing the tie-down area of the airstrip to stay damp and sustain damage.

\*The possibility of getting phone service from Dell City looks

good, but first we need at least 30 applicants. **Timberon Log dated August 30, 1977**

\*An increased effort is being made to prevent non-paid members from using Association facilities.

\*Harry West suggests that a solar unit to heat the pool can be obtained for about \$800, thus eliminating the \$300 per month propane costs.

\*The Baptist Missionary Board puts up \$15,000 towards building a small non-denominational church in Timberon. Local church collections are over \$900 and other congregations in the area have donated \$1,000.

\*Harry West asks about the dishwasher in the Lodge, and wonders why the dishes are being washed by hand. Ed Jennings says he thinks the dishwasher was working, but that it takes longer to use it than to do them manually. Dave Tappan injects that the dishwasher costs \$1,000, is required by the Environmental Department and should be used.

**Timberon Lodge dated October 29, 1977**

\*Dean Blagowsky joins the land sales staff announcing that some property owners will be licensed and a lot resale department will be started next year. He also says that his group will start selling Champion modular homes.

\*George Cliff completes the enclosure remodeling of the Lodge patio, adding a fireplace.

\*The Memorial Flagpole in front of the Lodge is made available to bronze memorial plaques for deceased property owners at a cost of \$40 to their families.

\*Truman Jones pays to restock the lower lake with trout.

\*The Property Owners Association assists Harry West with a contribution, as do many property owners, enabling him to continue publishing the Timberon Mountaineer as he is doing a good job with it. The Developer is also commended for printing and mailing two issues to the whole Association.

\*Bill (Smitty) Smith, Association Security Officer, reports the arrest of a property owner and his wife for burglary. Several thousand dollars worth of property is recovered and 14 burglaries are solved by this arrest.

\*Dell City applies for a low interest federal loan to expand their phone system to Timberon.

\*Harry West reports that the Timberon Mountaineer is in debt by about \$271 and that CB listings are available for \$1 each to help pay the deficit. The Property Owners Association assures Harry that he would not have to pay these expenses personally.

\*The Developer says that the trailer along the airstrip would be moved to an RV area soon.

Continued next month...

**MURT SAYS**

if we could see ourselves as others see us, do you think we would believe it?



### Wild Baby Birds

by Janet Miller, Ark Animal Hospital

"Help, I've found a baby bird, what should I do?" is a call we receive daily during the spring and summer. Cats bring in baby birds, and winds knock down nests. Kids find a nest of babies and bring it home, you find a nest in your air-conditioner and have to move it.

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources or man-power to take the hundreds of babies we get called about every year. We can give you some advise if you are willing to take responsibility for them.

First, determine whether the bird is a nestling or a fledgling. A nestling is a bird that is not meant to be out of the nest, whereas a fledgling is a bird who is learning to go out on its own. A nestling will be featherless or have many new feathers still covered by a transparent sheath, and still needs the safety of a nest. A fledgling looks like a small blandly colored adult bird, and is in the process of learning the tricks of being an adult.

If the bird is a fledgling, leave it alone, if possible, because it will still be cared for and watched by the parents. Because no human can raise a bird as well as its natural parents, it is best to leave these birds alone unless they are in an area that is dangerous for them.

If the bird has fallen from a nest, every attempt should be made to place it hack in its nest. Contrary to all the stories, the parents will not he able to smell human scents on the babies, and won't reject them for that reason. If you make the decision to attempt to raise the baby, you will need to know what type of bird you have to determine the type of dietary and husbandry needs you will have to meet. Unless these needs are met, the baby will die. Place the baby bird in a warm area, such as in a bowl or box lined with a towel, and place it near a lamp or near a heat source. Oral fluids and baby bird food will need to be given.

If the baby appears injured, you will need to decide whether you want to bear the cost for veterinary treatment. If the bird cannot ultimately be released into the wild, then euthanasia may be the kindest option.

You are welcome to call for advise, and we will be glad to try to identify the species of bird you have. We have hand-feeding formulas available for sale, and can send with you a care and feeding sheet. What we cannot do is take in every bird we get called about. We are not licensed for wildlife rehabilitation and simply don't have the manpower or space.

Please, please stress to your children to NEVER move a nest or babies from a nest. They will die!

### Distemper

Distemper is on the rise in the Alamogordo area. It is a highly contagious disease of dogs, wolves, coyotes, raccoons, mink, and ferrets. It is caused by a virus that is easily spread through the air and by contaminated objects, much like the cold virus spreads in people.

Though the disease occurs more often in young dogs, those of any age may contract distemper. This is especially true of dogs under stress or those that are relatively isolated from other dogs.

Signs range from those of a mild respiratory problem, such as runny eyes and nose, to severe diarrhea, vomiting and seizures. Often times the eye and nose discharge becomes thick, greenish mucus. Many "recovered" dogs are left with uncontrollable muscle or limb jerking and or periodic convulsions. They also frequently have pitted, stained teeth and thickened, cracked foot-pads. There are blood tests that can be done to confirm the presence of the distemper virus, unfortunately these tests take between one and two weeks to receive results. Vaccination is the best means of preventing canine distemper. Puppies should receive a series of at least 3 "puppy shots" (vaccine against distemper, parvo, and corona). These vaccines are given every two to three weeks starting at 6 - 8 weeks of age.

Distemper is a serious disease that is not completely curable and is often fatal. Currently we have no drugs to destroy the virus. Treatment is aimed at supporting general health and preventing bacterial infections, and is usually done at home by the owner. All medications should be given as directed. The owner should wipe away any secretions from the eyes, nose and mouth several times each day with warm water on disposable towels. Good nutrition is vital to recovery from distemper. In many cases where the distemper virus has entered the nervous system, and is causing severe seizures and suffering in the dog, the kindest option may be euthanasia. The doctors will be glad to discuss your various options.

These articles are written by Janet Miller. Dr. Rick L. Miller and Dr. Diane L. DeBlanc have editing rights, but the ideas come from the office staff and the clients of Ark Animal Hospital at 1700 Indian Wells Road in Alamogordo, New Mexico.



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## A Precious Sighting

by mary jane davis

It is often recounted that a large, hairy humanoid creature, referred to as Yeti, reputedly inhabits the Himalayas.

Japan admirably boasts of an Abominable Snowman.

The Pacific Northwest of the U.S. proudly boasts the existence and sighting of Big Foot. Otherwise known as Sasquatch, he is reputed to inhabit wilderness areas of, not only the U.S., but Canada.

Oatman, a tiny historical town in Arizona, offers intrigue to its visitors. The often, self asked question, is "Will I be the one to spot the infrequent appearance of Oatman's famous White Burro?"

I've questioned the true existence of such creatures whenever I have visited or read about these stories. Haven't you?

There is no doubt that children all over the world love the Easter Bunny, Santa Claus, and Fairies. We must admit their existence was created by imaginations enabling us to recall many pleasures. Yet, there is a difference, isn't there?

I know some will doubt what I am going to report. This sighting was not frightening, though astonishing none-the-less. No, it was not a U.F.O., or the Easter Bunny, but, I am recording it for posterity just the same.

On April 3 1998, our Jeep traveled along the infamous 14 mile road of slush after a recent snow. Dodging potholes, we raised imaginary skirts on the fenders of our vehicle in an attempt to avoid covering the

windshield with splashing mud. Thus, we embraced nature's marvels. We soon discovered in the midst of the Lincoln National Forest, only miles from downtown Timberon, there lives a Flop Eared Deer.

Never did we dream this precious and recent discovery existed. This is not a claim of a mystical creature, but a witnessed sighting, though unphotographed (as of yet). Sitting at the side of the road we watched this Flop Eared Deer watching us. We reveled at its appearance. We studied him diligently until we could no longer deny what our eyes were witnessing.

Now - I have always had a special love for Flop Eared Rabbits. You have to admit they are cute, doleful, and precious to see. This young deer is too. But, we must remember it is no different than the other wild animals in and around Timberon. We do love to watch our numerous Cotton Tails and Jack Rabbits on the mountain, as well as coyotes, wolves, wildcats, bobcats, elk, deer, squirrels, chipmunks and bear. They remind us daily that we live in the midst of a forest and not in the center of a city park. This fact we cannot be reminded of too often.

Although it is young, it is no longer a

spotted fawn. Hopefully it will be around for some time to come. Still...if it is a he and lives to sport a glorious set of antlers we would be gifted to see such a sight. If it is a she it would be just as glorious to see her nursing an infant. Should heredity play a part, perhaps the fawn at her side will carry on a flop eared trait. Can you imagine that vision? Or...is it a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see this one?

Make it a habit to carry your camera. And to avoid a repeat of my situation (unable to substantiate our sighting with a picture) be sure to include an extra battery, as well. Perhaps you will be the one to send a picture of this unusual animal to the editor for publication becoming a part of historical documentation.

In the meantime, I'll use the media to remind hunters to be sure of what is sighted in their rifle scope before they pull the trigger during the next hunting season. I ask that you please spare this unusual specimen for all to enjoy for a long time to come.

Happy hunting with your camera, residents and visitors alike. Be alert. Wonders do fill the fields and forest. I wonder - if more than one Flop Eared Deer is strolling

about? May God bless you with a sighting soon. In the meantime, I'll probably have a headache straining my eyes, searching. During every future journey I take along the 14 miles of undisturbed wilderness toward the highway into Cloudcroft my camera will always be ready. Make sure yours is too.

## SACRAMENTO ENERGY SAYS GOODBYE TO GRANT CARLSON

Grant will be moving away in May. He has been away from family and friends for fourteen years and has decided to go home. Grant was a tremendous help at the propane company over the years. He knew everyone, whether they are here all the time or once a year, and when to deliver propane. He will be missed.

Kevin Ross will be making the propane deliveries now.

## EASTER EGG HUNT CONTINUED

The kids were divided into three age group: under five, six through eight, and nine through twelve. Everyone had a good chance of filling their baskets Sunday afternoon, there were over 300 plastic and 375 traditional Easter eggs for the kids to hunt.

A great many people contributed in various ways to make this hunt a success.

Those that organized and worked to get things ready for the hunt were: Debbie Goss and Lin Foster who took care of the donations and purchasing; Brenda Pittman who filled, hid eggs, and was the one responsible for calling the kids for each group hunt; and the Nugent Family who filled and colored eggs.

There were quite a few donations made so that this hunt could become a reality. Making donations were; Lester and JoAnn Johnson, Larry and Betty Watson, Paul and Peggy Goss, Gary and Debbie Goss, the Lions Club, the Timberon Volunteer Fire Department, Sacramento Energy, Frances and Bernie Marez (the mail ladies), Joe and Marilyn Nugent, the Timberon Mall, and Bergy and Jean Bergstrom.

Everyone, especially the kids, had a great time.

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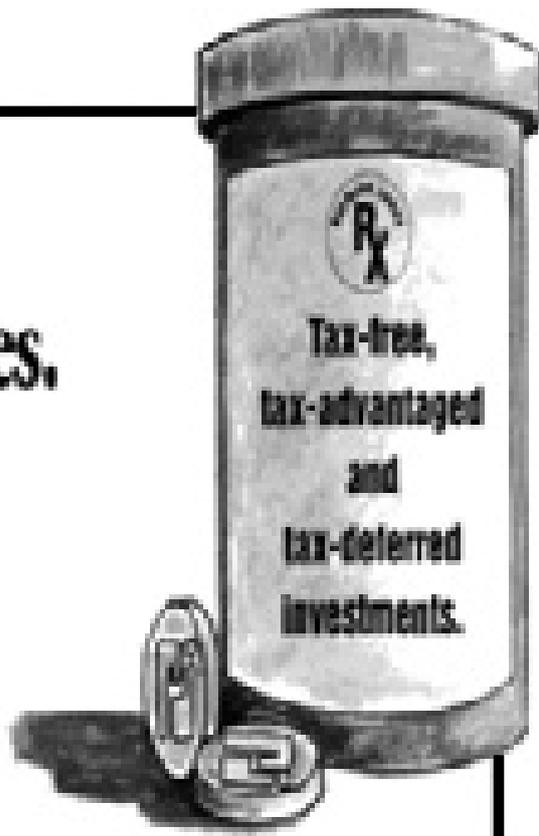
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## Tax Returns Can Help Achieve Financial Dreams

By Charles Wagner, CFP

With tax returns completed and mailed, most people breathe a sigh of relief and forget about the IRS for another year. However, the information you gathered to satisfy Uncle Sam may be just what you need to begin realizing your financial dreams.

Developing a personal financial plan begins with accumulating much of the same data needed to prepare your income taxes. It is the perfect time to start on a financial plan. Taxpayers can use their income tax information to form the plan's foundation.

*First*, you will need lists of assets and liabilities, copies of tax returns, insurance policies, wills, trusts and pension plans. This involves getting a handle on where you are in your financial life before you plan for where you want to be.

The *second* step in the financial planning process is identifying both financial and personal goals. The three objectives cited most often are security in retirement, providing for children's education and developing an estate plan. While these are a little vague, they're a start.

The *third* step is identifying problems that might prevent financial independence, such as too little or too much insurance, a high tax burden, inadequate cash flow or current investments that are losing money. It is important at this point to have a financial advisor assist in developing a plan.

A professional advisor can provide objectivity and expertise. It's hard for people to be objective regarding their own finances, and most do not have the financial experience necessary to make wise decisions.

The *fourth* step is structuring a plan to meet financial needs and objectives, followed by implementation of agreed-upon recommendations. A financial advisor can help develop and implement the plan, but the decision to implement, modify or reject recommendations remains the individual's ultimate responsibility. Many advisors provide a checklist to help clients implement their plans themselves.

A *final*, and often most important, step is periodically reviewing and revising the plan to account for changes in personal and economic conditions. The advisor and client can then review goals and problem areas and fine tune the plan as needed.

Be sure to check with your financial advisor how your tax return can serve as your starting point and progress report on achieving your financial planning goals.

### TAXES CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE

by 50% to 54%, which insured that our taxes would certainly increase. Currently, the **taxable value** of all our property is 33 1/3% of the **assessed** value. Property assessed at \$1,000 would have a **taxable value** of \$333. Now, hold that thought for a moment.

Each year every taxing body in our state government must submit a new budget for the next fiscal year. The Department of Finance and Administration examines and eventually approves a budget for each taxing body. Then, using a formula which includes the amount of money required by that budget and the total of **taxable values** in the area being taxed, [such as TWSD] they establish a **tax rate**. This rate, often called a mil rate, is forwarded to the county tax office in our case, and the final dirty deed begins!

Our tax bills currently show seven different **tax rates** representing the budget needs of four different governmental bodies who tax the citizens of Timberon. The taxing bodies and their assigned rates are shown below:

State Debt	1.347
County Operation	7.772
County Debt	1.131
School Operation	0.253
School Debt	3.318
School Capital	1.650
Special Levy	28.706
Total	44.177

A **tax rate** of 44.177 equals 4.4177%, so with that in mind, take a look at this example:

Assessed Value	Taxable Value	Tax Rate	Taxes Billed
\$10,000 [x33.33%]	= \$3,333.x	44.177[4.4177%]	= \$147.24

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The "Special Levy" on our tax bills is for TWSD. Of all the tax bills we pay, this one should perhaps be the easiest to take. Every cent of the money collected in the Special Levy for TWSD **must** be spent here for the needs of Timberon. In fact, a big chunk of this money comes right back into the Timberon economy because it is paid to our employees in wages and benefits. Other taxes we pay are spent in a much larger population such as the state, the county, or the school district and we cannot see where they go or how much benefit we actually receive from them. Quite a few of us are inclined to feel that we don't get much service for our county taxes. But taxes paid to TWSD stay here and serve no other population except Timberon!

The TWSD budget for the next fiscal year will be prepared during April and May and a preliminary budget must be submitted to the Department of Finance and Administration by June 1. That submission is preceded by public hearing and adoption during the regular monthly, or rarely, special meetings of TWSD. DFA will examine the submitted budget and may make suggestions or require changes. TWSD must then submit a final budget which must be approved by DFA by September 1. At that time the tax rate is fixed, and the county begins to do the final dirty deed.. preparing our tax bills!

By the way the county collects our taxes for us and charges us one percent of the amount collected for the service. They may hold collected money no more than 30 days before sending it on to us. Now that's a good service from the county!

Let's go back just a bit. If we lived in an incorporated village or city such as Cloudcroft or Alamogordo, the taxes we pay to support our community would likely appear on the county tax bill as "City Taxes" or just "City" or "Village." It might also include "City (or Village) Debt" if bonds had been issued. It is very important for us to remember that Timberon has no indebtedness. We due charge a water standby fee which must be used in providing us water, but there is no other source of operating money except the Special Levy. It's all we have.

Taxes! Taxes! Can't live with 'em ...can't survive without 'em!

**TIMBERON BAPTIST CHAPEL NEWS**

The last days of Winter are closing. This is a great relief to everyone who enjoys the warmer seasons. This Winter is one to remember. The Lord has blessed us with an increase of moisture. This moisture is greatly needed and we thank the Lord for it.

Moisture is a subject in every nation under heaven. If there is too much moisture then we have a flood. If there is too little moisture then a drought occurs. The delicate balance of the two amounts of moisture brings the desired climate for a nation. The Arabs use an expression that aptly fits this balance. "Too much sunshine makes a desert."

I think about this expression many times. Our nation is blessed with so many good things from the Lord. However, we see little appreciation of His blessings. The rise of delinquency, drugs and hard core crime indicate a lack of responsibility in our citizens. The news is not new to Timberon. We are

affected too by this syndrome. The continual abuse of the blessings will cause the Lord to withdraw His hand of blessing.

The Bible states that we are to stand in the old ways.

Jer 6:16-17  
 16. Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.  
 17. Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Harken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not hearken.  
 (KJV)

The old paths of the Lord are clearly marked. The definition for success is ever before us. The modernist is always attempting to dilute the Word of God or compro-

mise the morals established by the Lord. The Ten Commandments are not the ten suggestions but the veritable Law of God. As a nation leaves the moral standard of the Lord crime and violence increase. When we draw close to the Lord peace and satisfaction exist in the nation. This begins in the heart of the believer. It is expressed through good choices and refusal of evil. We know we are accomplishing the will of the Lord when we see the alcoholics, drug addicts, modernist and immoral people criticizing our work. This always brings two responses from the believer.

First. We regret the loss of anyone to the delusion of Satan.

Second. We enjoy the fact that the Lord personally ask His disciples a valid question. Jesus quit performing miracles and feeding the multitudes. They left immediately. Jesus asked His disciples if they would leave too?

Simon Peter answered with great integrity, "To whom shall we go, Thou has the words of eternal life." This statement is the foundation of every believers life.

"Whom do you think has the words of eternal life?" If you are in doubt then call us we will share the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with you. We still know the old paths and we reject the neo orthodoxy of modernism.

The Chapel will join in the Community Sunrise Services April 12. This is a special occasion to remember the Resurrection of Jesus. That night we will serve the entire Passover and the Lord's Supper at the Chapel. Everyone is welcome to both services.

Come Thou With Us And We Will Do Thee Good.

Buddy Cobb Pastor.

**CENTRAL AMERICAN MISSIONS TRIP**

We're finally home, Cindy, Angel, Jenny and I, from a trip we took to the Central American countries of Belize and Guatemala. I thought that in the April article I would share a bit



of news about our trip and work in Central America.

First of all we decided to drive to Central America instead of flying. Although it was very beautiful driving through Mexico's southern mountain rainforest, 6,000 miles of driving on some of the most horridly paved roads has driven us to the decision to fly the next time; most definitely.

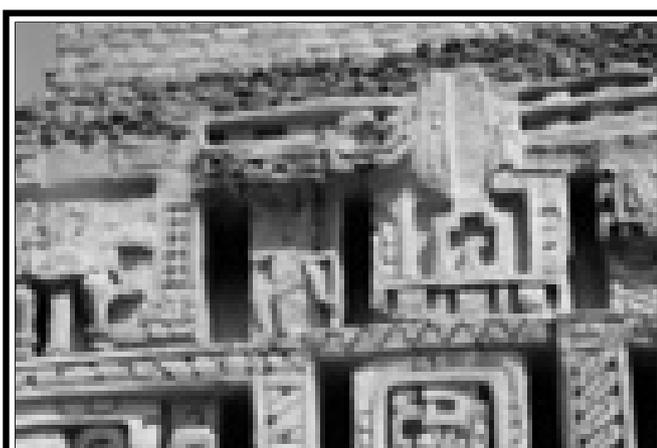
On the way down we

were able to spend a weekend ministering at our Church and orphanage in Reynosa, Mexico. It was great to see all of our old friends and play with the children. Every time I visit the orphanage it blesses my heart to be reminded that these children are being given a chance to make it in life. If it was not for this home, most of these children would still be living on the streets. I thank God for our dedicated workers.

We were greeted in Belize with a winter heat wave of 100 degree weather. What a change from the blizzard we had left at home. Our purpose in this trip was to give encouragement and new direction to our Belize workers and to explore the entire country so as to get the pulse of this nation.

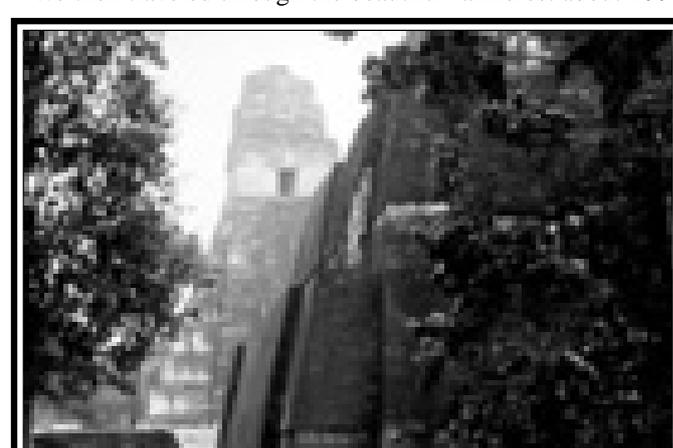
The first place we went was into the prison where we have an ongoing, weekly ministry to the prisoners. I found 350 men in 10' x 10' cells, 6 men to a cell. There was one bed, and one bucket to share for the bathroom. The cells had no windows. There was only a door of bars that the mosquitoes were able to enter through. I asked the men how often they were allowed out of their cells to exercise. Many had not been out in several months. That alone

would be enough to drive a man insane. Most of the men had 6 months to 5 year sentences, except for one who had been in for 23 years. Belize has capital punishment by hanging, and the gallows room was in full sight for all to see. I think you must be getting the picture; it was not a pretty place to be. This reassured me that we must, not only continue our prison ministry but do much more. We are now working four days a week in the prison, training and rehabilitating the willing prisoners. Also, we are starting a Bible training school to help develop them into spiritual men who will follow God.



While in Belize we moved our office into the capital city of Belmopan. We have rented a house there for the office and also as a place to stay when we make frequent visits in the future to help get everything established. We feel the need to build a training and rehabilitation center for the after care of the prisoners. I mentioned this to some Belizian people and they donated 7.2 acres right out side of the city of Belmopan for this purpose. I was very surprised to see it come about so quickly.

We then traveled through the beautiful rainforest about 100 miles to the Mayan ruins of



Tikal, Guatemala. The 1000 year old temple stood above the forest canopy where toucans, macaws, parrots, monkeys and many other exotic birds and animals live. We climbed to the top of all the temples which stood about 20 stories. I highly recommend a visit to Tikal.

Next we traveled into the rainforest at the southern tip of Belize which is home to the Ketchi and Maya

tribals. We had to traverse 100 miles of dirt roads but the drive was beautiful. There were clear, mountain rivers and lush mountains covered with all types of fruit trees. We found the Ketchi and the Maya to be very friendly. The doors appear to be open for us to move a few workers into this area, hopefully in the near future.

Towards the end of our trip we were able to go on a three day fishing and island hopping trip. Cindy and the girls went swimming out on the corral reef with sharks and stingrays, which were everywhere. I bravely climbed up on top of the boat and took pictures. On the fishing trip we caught so many barracuda and red snapper that we lost count.

The trip was good but boy was it nice to get back home to our friends, our beautiful snowy mountains and our wonderful little Timberon.

We felt very blessed to become a part of another culture and to do something to help make struggling peoples lives a little better. If we can't help our fellowman what good are we?

We hope to see you in Church on Sunday. We are temporarily meeting in the Lodge at 10:00 am. If you need help please feel free to call me, Jim Moss, at 987-2323.

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

### TIMBERON FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Dave Ayers

Several members of the Timberon Volunteer Fire Department have been busy attending classes at the New Mexico Fire Fighters Academy at Socorro, New Mexico.

To better serve the Timberon Community, Assistant Chief Tom Ward, Fire Fighters Jason Wolff, Earl Morris and Chief Dave Ayers attended the Wild Fire Structure Defense course at the Academy during March.

"This is the first course, out of several, I have attended that was geared to our type country," Assistant Chief Ward said.

Ward and Ayers attended a Tanker Shuttle Course at Deming, New Mexico earlier in March. "This course was beneficial but definitely geared to the 'flat land' departments," Chief Ayers said.

During the month of May four fighters are scheduled to attend a Structure Course at the academy.

In the immediate future the Timberon department is going to have it's fire supressant vehicle arsonal added to. A new mini-pumper, better known as a brush truck, is in the mill. There are two types being looked at right now.

"The beauty part of this addition is that the department has the money to pay for the entire project in cash," Chief Ayers said.

Warmer weather is just around the corner and with it an influx of people to Timberon.

The fire department personnel are ready to welcome any and all, but ask these persons to please be careful with open fires. It has been almost four years since the Bridge Fire, however, ask visitors to be very careful with open fires.



# VOLUNTEERS ARE SPECIAL PEOPLE

### Timberon Extension Club

by Denise Corder

Spring fever has caught up to the Timberon ladies and that means getting into high gear for the upcoming summer plans and activities that the club sponsors, the biggest of course, being the 4th of July activities. The 4th of July parade is one the communities biggest events which draws a lot of nice people from all over America. If you or your club or organization are interested in participating in this years parade please fill out the form in this issue and mail it. It will give us a head start in planning. Also if you are a artist or craftsperson, take the time to fill out the application and mail it off. This includes the food booths which are always a welcome sight to hungry mountain folk. We will keep you informed and eagerly waiting this years events.

Jesse Duckett spoke to the club this month as our guest and his topic was the Timberon Memorial Park Cemetery dissolution. Following this we made a craft of lovely lace fans. As usual we enjoyed a pleasant afternoon. Plan to join us next month. The guest speaker next month will be Mary Jane Davis who will be talking on the subject of "Memory and Stress". The club meets every third Thursday at 10:15am at the Lodge. See you there.

### A SUPRISE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY FOR THE MOSSES

- AT THE DAVIS HOME



Cindy

Jim



### PARADE ENTRY FORM

I am interested in participating in the 4th of July activities in Timberon of 1998.

- I will be ENTERING A FLOAT in the parade.
- I will be SELLING ARTS AND CRAFTS.
- I will be selling FOOD OR DRINKS

Please circle the one or one's that apply to you.  
Mail to Box 143, Timberon, NM 88350

NAME

ADDRESS

TELE.

Take the time to fill this out today.

KINGDOM BUILDERS KORNER

The members of the Kingdom Builders Adventure Club of Timberon would like to invite all young men and boys between the ages of 8 - 18 to participate in their club. Regular meetings are held bi-weekly on Saturdays at 9:30 - 12:00 in the home of Joe and Marilyn Nugent at 169 Homewood Drive.

Kingdom Builders is a Biblically based character training program. It utilizes physical, mental and spiritual activities, many of which are community oriented works of service to help us reach our goals.

The boys have recently been concentrating on the quality of DILIGENCE. Diligence is the consistent use of our energies and resources to accomplish tasks as unto the Lord. They have been diligently working on collecting, crushing, and redeeming aluminum cans to raise money for uniforms and upcoming projects. So please save your cans and they will be picked up (or collected).

Tune in next month to learn about another character quality and how Kingdom Builders are working to develop it in their lives.

For more information please call Joe Nugent at 987-2559.

SMITH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

by Grace Meyers

The Children's Section is coming right along. Bill Begley has been attaching the pretty new shelving so it doesn't fall on anybody, and the books Mrs. Green suggested have been ordered.

Gail Olsen of Alto, New Mexico, has extended our gift subscription to Smithsonian Magazine for another year. Check this out - it's great!

Suzie Sims bought some lovely children's books for us and Flo Stapleton has donated a variety, as has the Aldridge family.

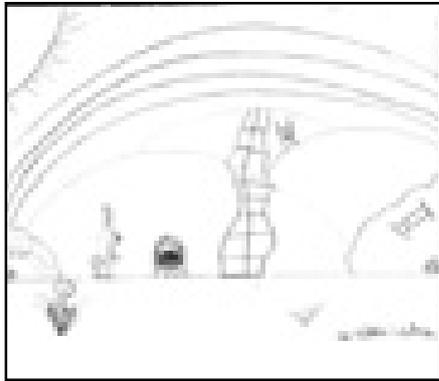
We have some new videos too, so you really need to come in and look around.

TIMBERON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

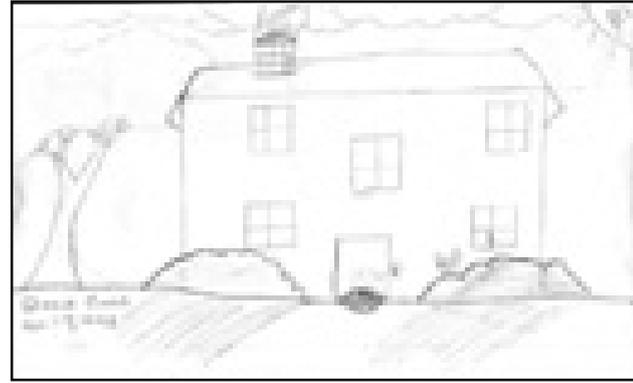
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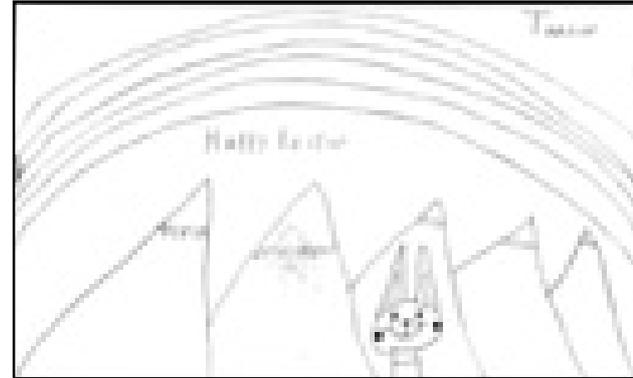
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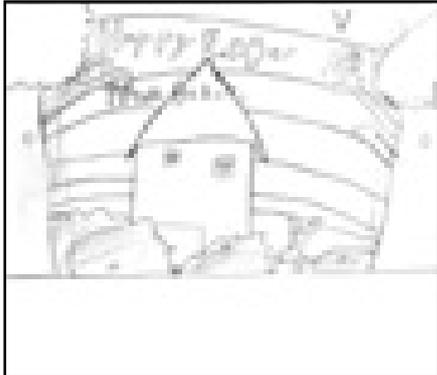


by Tanner



EASTER DRAWINGS

by Dakota



by Libbey



by Mitch



by Amanda



by Kelsey



by Brittany



by Michael



## The Water District's

Debbie Goss  
Secretary



Ray Wilson  
Director



Jack Deaton  
Vice-Chairman



Jean Campbell  
Chairman



Marilyn Ellison  
Treasurer



## Monthly Meetings

Lester Johnson  
Director



Gary Scott  
General Manager



### WORK SESSION HELD ON APRIL 8, 1998

A meeting of the board of directors of the Timberson Water and Sanitation District was held on April 8, 1998 at 10:00 A.M., at the community center. Board members present were Lester

Johnson, Ray Wilson, and Jean Campbell. Marilyn Ellison was absent.

Jean Campbell announced that there would be no regular meeting held on Saturday, March 11, 1998 since many people would be off the mountain for the holidays.

There will be a budget meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. The Board will be discussing 97/98 fiscal year budget adjustments and new projects for the 98/99 fiscal year.

One bid for general liability insurance was received. There was a considerable increase in premium from last year. This was due to the amount of claims made in past years.

Jack requested an airstrip update at the next meeting. He also requested that bids be sent out immediately for pro shop improvements and that purchases budgeted for 97/98 fiscal year be made for maintenance equipment.

Lester asked Scott about the level controls for the tanks. Scott reported that the hydrologist has submitted a plan and he is in the process of purchasing parts.

Lester then asked about the status of Lake 4. Scott reported that there is enough bentonite on hand to complete the project as soon as Kevin Ross delivers the river rock for the top ten feet of the lake shore.

Ray Wilson suggested keeping the maintenance office cleaner by creating an asphalt or gravel apron in front of the doors. It will be discussed at the budget meeting.

Jean also noted that the community center sidewalk needs repair and the north entrance was accumulating signs.

Scott reported that an application had been made to the FAA last year to change the Timberson airstrip listing to public. He has attempted to contact Molzin and Corbin for a cost estimate for the elevation survey required by the FAA. Surveyor Bert Atkins gave a ballpark quote of \$2,000 for budget purposes.

The electrical work at the pro shop should be finished today. TWSD crews are currently installing a window for escape purposes.

TWSD only has one lifeguard committed for the season. Hours will have to be limited if we cannot find two more.

Scott will send a letter to the State outlining a plan to comply with ADA regulations at the pro shop.

Jean Campbell gave the floor to Mr. Richard Hessee and Mr. Dennis Sels, the purchasers of T-11 from First National Bank of Alamogordo. After Jean Campbell refused to discuss the issue of transferring water rights to Mr. Hessee per an agreement between FNB and TWSD; Dennis Sels notified the Board that it was costing them \$1,000 per day in lost development opportunities.

Jack Deaton motioned to adjourn and Ray Wilson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

By Debbie Goss

### THIS PAPER'S POLITICAL POLICY

The Mountain Times is not a politically oriented newspaper. It will, however, publish any information that affects the residents and property owners of the mountain. Letters are welcome, if you have any questions or comments, we will try to find you some answers or responses. Two pages in every issue are set aside for the sole use of political news, if there is enough.

As is our way, we will only report political events when they become a reality. Sometimes this means waiting until there is sufficient evidence or documentation. This means that the readers may not get those "hot breaking stories," however, it virtually eliminates the chance of getting "all fired up" over what turns out later to be nothing.

We hesitate to report rhetoric and will never report hearsay or speculation. There will be those occasional editorials, commentaries and political ads, but they will be revelent and conform with our political policy. The Editor will always have full control over what will be accepted in the way of ads or commentary.

### BUDGET MEETING HELD APRIL 14, 1998

A meeting was held on April 14, 1998 at 10:00 A.M. at the Community Center to discuss the 97/98 Fiscal Year Budget. Board members present were Ray Wilson, Jean Campbell, Marilyn Ellison, Lester Johnson and Jack Deaton.

The next regular meetings will be held on Wednesday, May 6th and Saturday, May 9th as scheduled. Jean Campbell announced that during the closed session on March 22, 1998 only threatened litigation with First National Bank was discussed pursuant to NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(H)(7).

There has been more taxes collected this year than was budgeted creating excess income for some departments. Each department was reviewed separately. After reviewing the excess income and expenditures that were still under budget; the Road Department has a year to date net excess of \$63,590.36. A portable welder, a good condition used water truck and an articulated roller are included in the budget but have not yet been purchased. Scott will pursue getting these items in before the end of the fiscal year. Scott requested that the District dispose of the CAT grader and replace it. It was suggested that a ten yard dump truck be purchased next year with a blade mounted on it to maintain roads when the John Deere maintainer is out of service. Jean suggested that the District also dispose of the D6 at auction. The Sanitation Department has a year to date net excess of \$2,358.37. Since the visitor season is just beginning this will probably be needed for additional trash disposal. The Golf Course and Pro Shop Departments have a combined year to date net excess of \$693.02. Since the annual renewal of memberships will add to the sales income it was estimated that this department could remain within budget without additional money. A close watch will be kept on Golf Course expenditures for the rest of the fiscal year. The Parks, Recreation and Community Center Department has a year to date net excess of \$12,541.04. This money will most likely be needed to repair the pool before it opens for the season. Scott will purchase a new pump for the pool next week. He will also look into installing outdoor lighting in the park at the Lodge. Adminis-

tration has a year to date net excess of \$3,052.47. This money will help cover legal fees that are costing more than is budgeted. The Capital Reserves for the General Fund is has a year to date shortage of \$14,238.37. This is due to the County Tax Distribution and may require a transfer of excess funds from other departments. The Water Department has a year to date net excess of \$69,531.26. Scott has purchased leak detection equipment and will be purchasing valves to control the overflow at the filtration plant. The Water Reserves is currently even with the year to date budget.

The Board discussed current pay scales. Since TWSD employees are paid 20%-30% less than other communities in the area; a 10% increase in the pay scale was approved for July 1, 1998. Scott will present recommendations for merit raises at the next budget meeting. Lifeguards will be paid \$6.00 per hour and the housekeeper will be moved up to entry level pay scale.

Projects suggested for the 98/99 fiscal year include:

- \*Investigating the use of fly ash on the golf cart paths.
- \*Upgrading the Pro Shop to comply with American Disabilities Act as well as other necessary repairs. There was discussion about changing the pro shop into the Parks and Recreation Department and renting space to the Golf Course Department.
- \*Allow \$4,000 to \$5,000 for survey and core samples of the airstrip.
- \*Correct overflow at the plant if it is not completed this fiscal year.
- \*Enlarging and leveling the women's tee boxes.
- \*Gravel in front of the maintenance barn to help eliminate mud being tracked in.
- \*Purchase three more electric golf carts.
- \*Hook up the last collector at Carissa Springs which will require a metal bridge for the pipe.
- \*Seal the pump house lake at the Golf Course for water storage.
- \*A utility box for a water department truck.

Marilyn moved to close the session to discuss threatened litigation with First National Bank pursuant to NMSA Section 10-15-1(H)(7). All directors voted in favor.

- By Debbie Goss

## THERE MAY BE A NEW BOND ELECTION TO FUND HIGHSCHOOL

A group of concerned citizens, members of "Kids First", are gathering signatures of registered voters in the Cloudcroft School District to hereby petition the Board of Education of the Cloudcroft Municipal School District, pursuant to NMSA 22-18-2, to submit to a vote at a special school district election the question of creating a debt by issuing general obligation bonds.

### SOME INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PROPOSED HIGH SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND SITING

A great many questions have been generated over the last few months or so with regard to the cost, siting, safety, and need for a new high school for the Cloudcroft School District. Since the recent school bond issue was voted down by the voters in this school district, a concern for the validity of the pre-vote information that was distributed by both the pro and con constituencies has arisen. An attempt is being made here to present some unbiased information on several of the topics of concern. It may be of some help to the voters to be apprised of some pertinent information about the issues.

Question: What is the projection for the increase, if any, in school enrollment over the next ten years or so?

Answer: This is one of those questions that has no factual answer. One can turn to census data or a variety of other sources, and kind of "take your pick". My approach has been to take historical enrollment data for the combined elementary, middle, and high schools and do what is called a least squares fit of a straight line. This technique has the advantage of giving weight to both increases and decreases that have occurred over the last ten years. Just because there has been a recent decrease does not mean that it will necessary continue that way or vice versus. Attachment A shows the results of this approach to predicting future growth in student population.

**The conclusion is that total enrollment in all three schools will grow by about 23 students per year. About 7 or 8 of these will be high school level. The current total enrollment is about 559 students and the current high school enrollment is about 191 students (40th day data for both). This estimate translates to a growth of about 4.1% per year. For those familiar with this statistical technique, the correlation coefficient is very good: 0.94, which indicates that a straight line fit to the historical data is reasonable.**

Question: What are the relative costs of and designs for the water supply and wastewater handling systems for the Sunshine Valley and 244 sites.

Answer: A conceptual layout of the high school, as provided by the architectural firm of Greer and Stafford for the Sunshine Valley site, and a rough layout of a possible school

complex for the 244 site were used for estimating designs and costs for the water and wastewater systems. Attachment B indicates the approximate nearest locations for Village water sources and gravity-fed wastewater inlets for the two sites. The school layouts are also shown in Attachment B, but it must be noted that the proposed location for the school building and football field for the 244 site may be and probably will be changed.

**The conclusion is (on the basis of the aforementioned concepts and on the basis of an estimated cost of \$32.00 per foot for pipe and trenching in the Cloudcroft area) that the water system would cost about \$49,000 for the 244 site and about \$37,000 for the Sunshine Valley site. The wastewater system is estimated to cost about \$124,000 for the 244 site and about \$74,000 for the Sunshine Valley site. The total difference is \$62,000. The lift station costs are about \$73,000 and \$43,000, respectively, for the 244 and Sunshine Valley sites. These values are included in the \$62,000 number. The higher costs for the 244 site are due to longer pipe runs for both water and wastewater and the higher lift (~150 feet versus ~60 feet) requirements for the lift station. At this point, a self-contained, pre-packaged wastewater treatment plant is not recommended at either site because of extensive and time consuming permitting; high operating, monitoring, and reporting costs, and uncertainties on future discharge requirements, in addition to high capital costs.**

Question: What is the actually bonding status of the Cloudcroft School District?

Answer: There are currently \$875,000 of outstanding bond payment (principal and interest) due on bonds that were issued in 1989 and 1990. The maximum bonded indebtedness that the District can have is 6% of the total evaluated school assets which are now \$73,971,636; therefore, the total indebtedness is limited to about \$4,438,000. If one subtracts the current indebtedness from this value, the maximum value of the bonds that can be sold is \$3,600,000. If the voters approve a \$5,000,000 bond in the near future, they will be authorizing the ultimate sale of this value of bonds even though only \$3,600,000 can be sold at this time. The rest can be sold as the current and ongoing indebtedness is paid off. From current bond sale data, one might conclude that new bonds will carry about 4.5% interest and will be expected to be paid off over several time frames, some of which may be up to 10 or 15 years in length. The \$875,000 indebtedness will be paid off in the amount of \$25,000 on July 1, 1998 and in the amount of \$850,000 on January 1, 2002.

Question: What are the sources of revenue for the District to pay for a new high school?

Answer: At the present time, the District can raise money for a new school only from the following sources: The so-called 2 mil tax levy which amounts to \$2.00 for every \$1,000.00 of taxable value of property; issuing bonds which are limited to values indicated above and are paid for through the school debt tax (currently \$3.725 per \$1,000 of taxable value of property and expected to go down to \$3.3 18 for 1998); the sale of school assets (land, buildings, equipment, etc.); a special legislative appropriation; and grants from the Capital Outlay Council.

There has been a great deal of rhetoric all around the issues of where to build a new school, Village expansion, School bonds, etc. And yet, the school board has sifted through all the smoke and mirrors, the side issues, and other distractions, and has kept focused on the primary goal of providing the best possible education for Cloudcroft's youth. If the opponents would only spend some time walking the ground at the site, touring the existing facilities, and trying to understand the real issues, they would see that we need put "Kids First". They are the future!

### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 1998

11/1/97 BALANCE ON HAND	\$565,271.21
<b>INCOME:</b>	
ROADS	\$0.00
SANITATION	\$2,500.00
GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP	\$82.71
PARKS, RECREATION & CIVIC CENTER	\$500.00
ADMINISTRATION	\$1,223.46
TWSD TAX REVENUE	\$12,364.45
TWSD WATER DEPT. REVENUE	\$9,870.00
TWSD WATER STANDBY CHARGES	\$757.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$27,297.62</b>
	<b>\$592,568.83</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>	
ROADS	\$5,511.26
SANITATION	\$1,088.24
GOLF COURSE & PRO SHOP	\$12,813.66
PARKS, RECREATION & CIVIC CENTER	\$2,538.98
ADMINISTRATION	\$4,664.95
WATER DEPARTMENT	\$7,791.13
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$34,408.22</b>
	<b>\$558,160.61</b>
<b>END OF MONTH BALANCE</b>	
OUTSTANDING TRANSACTIONS	\$18,405.42
<b>10/31/97 BALANCE ON HAND</b>	<b>\$576,566.03</b>

GROCERIES, GAS & MORE





ANGEL & JENNIFER MOSS

PHOTO BY JIM MOSS

AND THEY'RE OFF! The start of the egg hunt for the little ones on Easter Sunday was almost faster than the eye, or camera, could catch!

Maybe it's not so bad driving around here after all! On the Moss Family's recent trip into Central America their car had to take a ferry across many of the rivers.

## IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

### APRIL 1998

- 16th (Thursday)** \*The **Timberon Extension Club** will meet at **10:15 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**. Mary Jane Davis will be speaking on "Memory & Stress."
- 18th (Saturday)** \*The **Timberon Community Action Group** will meet at **2:00 PM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
\***Lions Bingo** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- 22nd (Wednesday)** \***Bible Study / Service** at **6:00 PM** in **Chapel**.
- 25th (Saturday)** \***Lions Bingo** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- 26th (Sunday)** \***Church Service** with **Pastor Jim Moss** at **10:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
\***Sunday School** at **9:45 AM / Service** at **11:00 AM** with **Pastor Buddy Cobb** at the **Chapel**.

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- 1st (Friday)** \***Fishing Lakes** will be open on **Weekdays & Weekends**  
\***RV Park** opens
- 2nd (Saturday)** \***Masonic Lodge** meets at **2:00 PM**  
\***Lions Bingo** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- 3rd (Sunday)** \***Church Service** with **Pastor Jim Moss** at **10:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
\***Sunday School** at **9:45 AM / Service** at **11:00 AM** with **Pastor Buddy Cobb** at the **Chapel**.
- 6th (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!  
\***Bible Study / Service** at **6:00 PM** in **Chapel**.
- 7th (Thursday)** \*The **Timberon Fire Department** will have its monthly meeting at **6:30 PM** in the **Firehouse**.
- 9th (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.

- 11th (Monday)** \*The **Zeta Beta Sorority** is meeting at **10:15 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- 13th (Wednesday)** \***Bible Study / Service** at **6:00 PM** in **Chapel**.
- 20th (Wednesday)** \***Bible Study / Service** at **6:00 PM** in **Chapel**.
- 21st (Thursday)** \*The **Timberon Extension Club** will meet at **10:15 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- 23rd (Saturday)** \*The **Timberon Community Action Group** will meet at **2:00 PM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
\***Lions Bingo** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
\***NiteLite Golf Tournament** at **Timberon Golf Course**
- 24th (Sunday)** \***Church Service** with **Pastor Jim Moss** at **10:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
**Sunday School** at **9:45 AM / Service** at **11:00 AM** with **Pastor Buddy Cobb** at the **Chapel**.
- 25th (Monday)** **Memorial Day Celebrated**
- 27th (Wednesday)** \***Bible Study / Service** at **6:00 PM** in **Chapel**.
- 30th (Saturday)** \***Lions Bingo** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- 31st (Sunday)** \***Church Service** with **Pastor Jim Moss** at **10:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.  
**Sunday School** at **9:45 AM / Service** at **11:00 AM** with **Pastor Buddy Cobb** at the **Chapel**.

#### REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS -

- Exercise Class** is held every **Monday and Wednesday** at **9:00 AM** in the **Timberon Lodge**.
- Smith Memorial Library** is open:
 

<b>Mondays &amp; Wednesdays</b>	<b>11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>3:00 PM - 5:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>11:00 AM - 1:00 PM</b>

The **Senior Citizen's Van** leaves the **Timberon Lodge parking lot** promptly a 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.

# TIMBERON BUSINESS PHONE DIRECTORY

- Blue Water Real Estate 987-2300
- CSW Forms 987-2415
- 987-2417
- Fax 987-2590
- Circle Cross Ranch 987-2283
- Pastor Buddy Cobb 987-2470
- Aspen Company 987-2372
- Fax 987-2374
- Dell Telephone
- Timberon 987-2500
- Main Office 964-2352
- Nights & Holidays 964-2500
- Trouble Line 611
- Equal Access 964-2222
- Time & Temperature 964-8401
- High Country Bar/Grill 987-2580
- Lincoln Delivery Depot 987-2596
- Rev. Jim Moss 987-2323
- Mountain Millworks 987-2345
- Mountain Times 987-2561
- Fax 987-2330
- Mountain Wildflowers 987-2561
- Otero County Electric 505-682-2521
- For Power Outages 800-548-4660
- Reece-Built Construction 987-2253
- 987-2353
- Riverside Condos 987-2339
- Roberts Realty 987-2440
- Sacramento Energy 987-2365
- Sacramento River Lodge 987-2600
- Sacramento Services 987-2435
- Sharon's Place 987-2363
- Sierra Propane 987-2385
- Timberon Backhoe 987-2357
- Timberon Chapel 987-2470
- Timberon Post Office 987-2231
- Timberon Fire Dept. 987-2296
- Business Calls 987-2202
- Emergency 911
- Timberon Golf Course 987-2260
- Timberon Mall 987-2525
- Timberon Mountaineer 987-2267
- Timberon Pool 987-2207
- Timberon Realty 987-2570
- Timberon School 987-2360
- Timberon RV Park 987-2240
- Timberon Water District Office 987-2250
- 987-2252
- After Hours 987-2380
- Maintenance 987-2230
- Timberon Rentals 987-2201
- Westons Business Solutions 987-2575
- BJ's Bookkeeping Service 987-2429

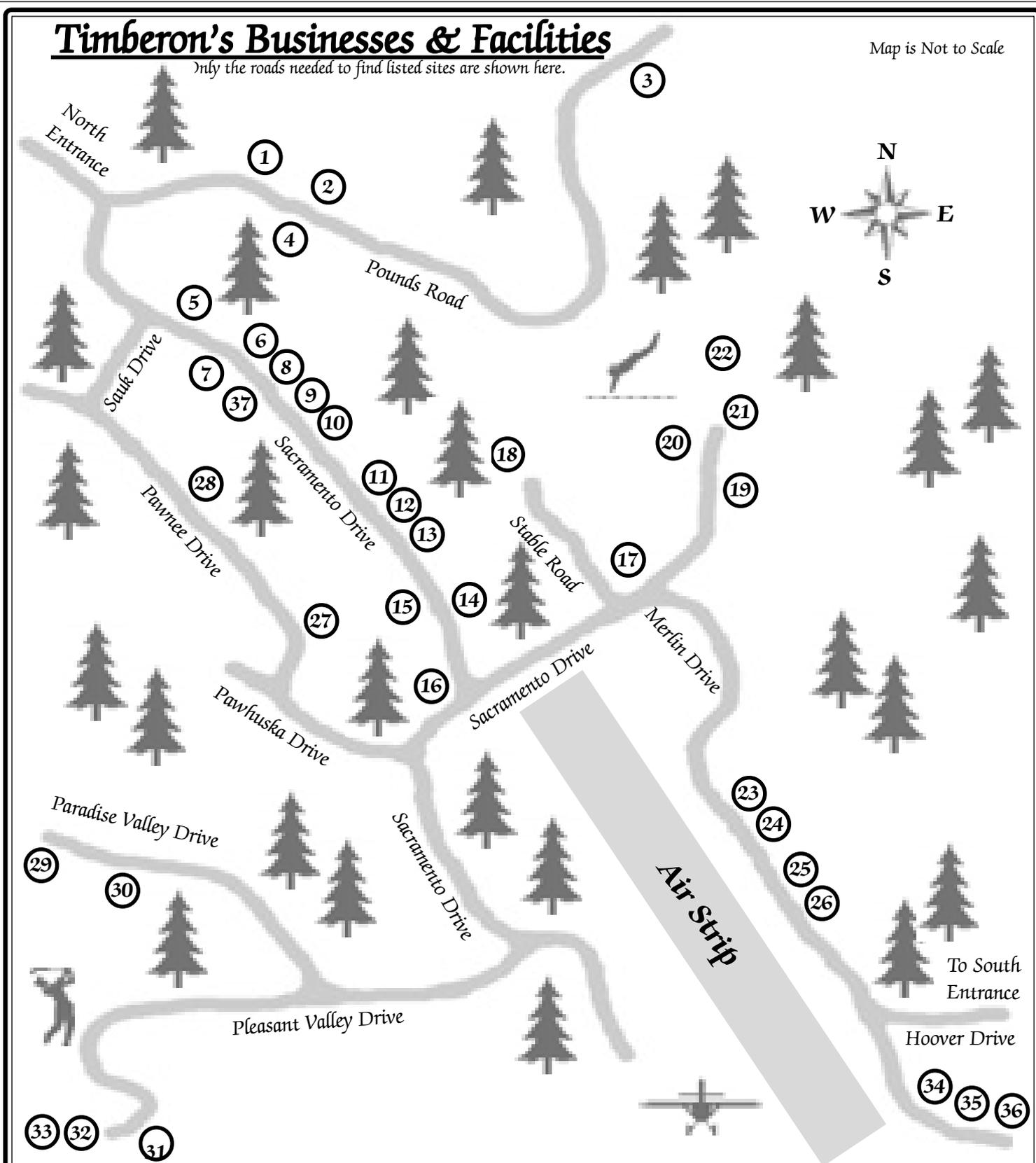
**IF WE LEFT YOUR BUSINESS OUT**

(CALL) 505-987-2561  
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## Timberon's Businesses & Facilities

Only the roads needed to find listed sites are shown here.

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| 1. Timberon Backhoe                    | 14. Mountain Wildflowers -Gift Shop                                | 27. Community Dumpster  |
| -Earth Moving & Materials              | 15. Laundry Mat & Cabin Rental                                     | 28. Sierra Propane -Propane Sales & Service, Plumbing                     |
| 2. Sacramento River Lodge              | -Currently Closed  | 29. Chateau de la Shay  |
| -Motel Type Lodging                    | 16. Timberon Realty  | -Redmans Club   |
| 3. Timberon RV Park                    | -Land & Home Sales   | 30. Golf Course Rentals -Individual Cabins & Duplex Lodging               |
| 4. Riverside Condos                    | 17. Timberon Fire Department                                       | 31. Casa Sacramento -Lodging, Kitchenettes Available                      |
| -Duplex Lodging on the River           | 18. Moss Ranch -Horseback Riding                                   | 32. Timberon Golf Course -Nine Hole Golf Course, Driving Range & Pro Shop |
| 5. Masonic Lodge                       | -Currently Closed  | 33. High Country Bar & Grill  |
| 6. Roberts Realty                      | 19. Timberon Lodge Playground                                      | -Food, Drinks & Atmosphere  |
| -Land & Home Sales                     | 20. Timberon Lodge Pool  | 34. Timberon Chapel   |
| 7. Timberon Post Office                | 21. Timberon Water District Offices, Community Center and Library  | 35. Timberon Memorial Park Cemetery                                       |
| 8. Westons Business Solutions          | 22. Timberon Fishing Lakes   | 36. Timberon School   |
| -Computer Sales & Bookkeeping Services | 23. Mountain Millworks   | 37. Dell Telephone  |
| 9. Reece-bilt Construction             | -Cabinetry & Woodworking   |   |
| 10. Blue Water Real Estate             | 24. Lions Club Building  |   |
| -Land & Home Sales                     | 25. Timberon Self Storage -Rentals                                 |   |
| 11. Future site / Sacramento Energy    | 26. Sacramento Energy -Propane, Appliance, Heating Sales & Service |   |
| 12. Timberon Mall -Gas & Grocery       |  |   |
| 13. Jo's Country Clippers -Barber      |  |   |

# Map of the Sacramento Mountains

Also Shown are Alamogordo, Tularosa and Holloman - They are not in the Mountains (This Map is Not to Scale)

