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Did You Know How Haynes Canyon Got Its Name?

by Mary L. Utech

Driving up toward Cloudcroft, New Mexico, on Highway 82, there are a number of signs marking the direction to canyons and housing developments along the way. The sign for 'Haynes Canyon' is a familiar sight for many motorists. How Haynes Canyon got its name and what it was like living there at the turn of the century were all vividly recalled in several interesting personal interviews I had with Mrs. Mary Carroll. Now* a widow for the second time and 85 years young, Mrs. Carroll lives in Alamogordo, NM with Mrs. G.A. Guthrie, one of her four daughters. (*now refers to the time of this interview, which is unknown)

Mrs. Carroll started her story by stating that she is the daughter of James Haynes, a rancher who came from Texas to New Mexico in December of 1888. Mr. Haynes owned cattle in Texas, but decided to take his herd into New Mexico where he hoped to find better grazing conditions and not so much competition from larger ranch-

ers. He drove his herd from Texas to New Mexico and Mrs. Carroll remembers her Papa stating that when he crossed the land in the vicinity of what is now Alamogordo, the grass was belly high for the cattle and good pasture land seemed assured. However, when he arrived in December of 1888, and his cattle pastured in James Canyon, a terrific snow storm appeared in the mountains and the ground was covered with deep snow. During this time his herd was almost completely wiped out, the animals literally being frozen in their tracks.

The sheep and cows of his neighbors likewise were killed by the heavy snow and even the wild animals were found frozen to death. After this snow storm, which lasted 14 days and allowed no relief for the ranchers, Mr. Haynes counted only 14 animals left from his herd of 500 head of cattle. Bankrupt already and he had just arrived in New Mexico!

Mr. Haynes must have been a hardy and resourceful man. He wanted to stay in New

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About The Coyote

by Jane S. MacCarter, Game and Fish

In the early 1900's, the coyote or 'barking dog', could be found only on the great plains of North America. Today, coyotes live in 49 of the 50 states and in much of Canada and Mexico.

When describing a coyote, let's start by saying they are among the most vocal of North American wildlife. Wolves rarely bark, but coyotes vocalize by means of yips, barks, and howls. It was long assumed coyotes originally descended from wolves, although recent DNA analysis determined it was actually the other way around. Both coyotes and wolves have long legs in proportion to their slim bodies. Both stand on the pads of their toes, called digitigrade posture. In the wild, coyotes may be confused with wolves, which are somewhat larger; have less pointed ears, and bigger feet; however, coyotes can usually be determined by their smaller size, elongated muzzles, and alert, prominent ears. Coyotes are much smaller than they sometimes appear. Their thick coat masks a bone structure that is lighter than that of many types of dogs. Adult coyotes weigh 20-40 pounds, with males slightly heavier than females. Total body length varies from 48-60 inches, with tails about 16 inches long.

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Lincoln National Forest and Grasslands FIRE REMINDER

"Can it get any drier than what we're experiencing in our Southern New Mexico deserts and within the Lincoln National Forests?" asked James Villard, Fire Management Officer for the Sacramento Ranger District, located in Cloudcroft. Yes, it can and long-term forecasts for any moisture to help alleviate current drought conditions look grim.

Acting Lincoln National Forest Supervisor, Gerald Hawkes, reminds those who visit our Forests and Grasslands to be extremely careful with fire. "Our current fire situation is 'VERY HIGH' meaning that moisture levels within the forests and grasslands is very low. We are still experiencing drought condi-

tions, and I would like to remind those who visit the Lincoln to always remember that an unattended fire or one that has not been completely extinguished can lead to a dangerous fire situation."

The Lincoln National Forest is prepared with fire fighting resources and is ready to coordinate firefighting efforts with other Forests and agencies to include local and volunteer fire departments, according to Brian Power, Lincoln Fire Management Officer.

Fire Restrictions within the Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger District states the use of charcoal grills and stove fires **are prohibited** on national forest lands without a permit, except in Forest Service developed camp and picnic grounds where grills are provided. Within the Lincoln National Forest, the only exception to the fire restrictions is the use of contained fueled stoves and lanterns or heating devices provided such devices meet the Fire Underwriter's specifications for safety. Smoking is allowed within an enclosed vehicle or building; a developed recreation site; or while stopped in an area at least three feet in diameter and free of all flammable material. As always, fireworks **are prohibited** on all national forest lands and approved spark arresters are mandatory on all internal combustion engines.

Two More Fee Demo Areas on Lincoln National Forest

The Smokey Bear Ranger District will be implementing the Fee Demonstration project at the Three Rivers and Oak Grove Campgrounds this year. With the addition of these two campgrounds, the District will increase the number of Fee Demonstration sites from three to five. The other three sites are **South Fork and Sam Tobias Campgrounds** and **Cedar Creek Picnic Pavilion**.

Congress, under the Omnibus Consolidated Recisions and Appropriations act of 1996 and 1997, authorized the Fee Demonstration program. Under this authorization, the participating sites are authorized to keep 80 percent of all collected fees for use at the participating site. 15 percent is retained to offset collection cost. The remaining five percent goes to the Forest Service's Regional Office for distribution to other Fee Demonstration projects within the Region.

Fees collected can be used for backlog repair, operation, maintenance, interpretation, signing, habitat or facility enhancement, law enforcement and resource preservation at the generating site. Some of the projects or improvements the Forest Service looks to accomplish with fees generated at Three Rivers and Oak Grove Campgrounds are to finish a water system by adding a water storage tank and additional faucets, construct shelters for all campsites, replace damaged tables and identify additional camping sites. The District has already added a table to a suggested site and constructed an information/fee collection station.

The **Three Rivers Campground**, a popular four-season site, is located on the west side of the Smokey Bear Ranger District between Tularosa and Carrizozo. The campground, reconstructed in 1996/1997, provides the user with a large and small group site, individual camping sites for tents and RVs, toilets, water well and a trailhead for access into the White Mountain Wilderness.

A \$6 per vehicle/per day fee will be charged at the campground's individual campsites and or group sites. The maximum stay period in the campground is 15 days. The Trailhead area will be used for vehicle parking for people wanting access to the wilderness. Camping at the trailhead is not allowed. Horse corrals are also located at the trailhead, and no fee is charged for parking in the trailhead or use of the corrals. No reservations will be taken for individual or group campsites. Use will be on a first come basis.

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Fire Prevention Efforts Begin Again

Once again the Lincoln National Forest has established the Lincoln Zone Fire Prevention Team. Established each spring, the team provides fire safety and prevention presentations in schools throughout southeastern New Mexico. School administrations will be contacted and offered the prevention program during the next week. The team will also appear at fairs, parades and other civic events, distributing fire prevention materials, answering questions and promoting the fire prevention message. Smokey Bear will, naturally, appear at these activities.

With the exceedingly dry conditions in the forests of New Mexico this spring, fire prevention is of paramount importance. Several fires, some of them very destructive, have already occurred in the fields and forests. Fire restrictions are already in effect in portions of the Lincoln National Forest and surrounding lands.

Any inquiries concerning the Lincoln Zone Fire Prevention Team or its efforts should be directed to Fire Prevention Specialist Gwen Shaffer at (505) 439-6018 or Fire Information Officer Rick Hartigan at (505) 439-6017.

Recent Fires Under Investigation

The **Apache Canyon fire** is under control and mopping up continues on any last hot spots. The fire on the Lincoln National Forest was two acres in size and burned in a Juniper/Pinyon area. The first smoke report came in about 11:15am on Wednesday, April 24. Resources were dispatched immediately to suppress the fire, which included three airtankers, four Forest Service engines, the Mescalero Hot Shots and Cherokee Hot Shots out of Tennessee, supporting the Lincoln Interagency Zone in the Southwest.

The **Upper Karr Canyon** and **Scott Able** fires have been contained. The first reports of smoke were reported approximately at 1:15pm and were burning in mixed conifer and very heavy fuel areas. The **Upper Karr Canyon burned one acre** while the **Scott Able fire encompassed five total acres**. Low wind speeds helped suppress the fire danger.

The Lincoln Interagency Zone combined efforts included the **Mescalero, Cherokee, Flagstaff and Santa Fe Hot Shots crews**, along with **Cloudcroft, High Rolls, Mayhill, Sacramento, Weed, Timberon and Sunspot Volunteer Fire Departments**. The collaborative efforts ensure swift communication between the agencies to ensure quick response so these fires do not escape. Quick airtanker and engine resource support helped expedite the suppression efforts in a timely manner. As always, safety is a factor for fire fighting crews. **All three fires are under investigation.**

For more information about the Lincoln, please check out our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln.

Forest Communities Open

Due to this continuing dry weather, the wildlands of the Lincoln National Forest and the Ft. Stanton area of the Bureau of Land Management have been placed in restriction. Campfires and charcoal fires are only allowed in the grills in developed camp and picnic areas. Smoking is only permitted in those sites, or in enclosed vehicles or buildings. Fireworks are not permitted in the wildlands.

But there is a great deal of recreation to be enjoyed. The forests are open; it is only fire that is restricted. All of the communities of southeastern New Mexico are open and active. Casinos, nightclubs, restaurants, motels and other tourist amenities are open and available. Community events from parades to fairs, rodeos to theater presentations, races to concerts are planned and occurring every week throughout the area. Every form of recreation is available. Check the community calendars. Contact the Chambers of Commerce. Find the activity you like, visit the communities of southeastern New Mexico and enjoy yourself.

Just be aware of and comply with the fire restrictions. Please, help keep the wildlands green and protect the communities you enjoy. Please, prevent forest fires.

For more information, call the Lincoln Zone Fire Prevention Team at (505) 439-6018, the Southwest Fire Restriction Hotline toll free at 1-877-864-6985 or check the Southwest Area website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire.

How Bad Is The Drought

by Craig Runyan, Water Quality Coordinator, Plant Sciences News

Areas throughout the country are experiencing drought conditions. The situation is particularly disturbing to residents east of the Mississippi, where drought is generally not considered a threat. Some state and local governments in the eastern U.S. are going so far as to impose moratoriums on certain land uses, such as building construction. But, with regard to drought and its' related problems. New Mexico is a national poster child.

Of the eight climate zones recognized in New Mexico, five of them are in some stage of drought, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), as of the week ending April 6, 2002. The most critical area of the state is the north-

ern mountains, which is experiencing severe drought. The other drought areas are the northwestern plateau, south western mountains, central highlands, and the southern desert. These areas are currently classified as "moderate" drought status. The remainder of the state, the central (Rio Grande) valleys, and northeastern and southeastern plains is classified as "normal". Anyone who has lived long in New Mexico translates "normal" to mean dry.

So how bad is the drought? And how much worse will it get? It depends who's making the predictions. Some experts agree that a mild El Nino will bring more rain to the south-

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"FISHIN' WITH CHIP" Fishing Arizona Style ...

by Chip Chipman, Arizona Mountain Flyfishing

I travel once or twice a year to go fly fishing. This requires lengthy waits before boarding an airplane and more waiting at connecting airports. Fellow travelers often strike up a conversation by asking where I am from.

If I fell like chatting, I usually launch into a travelogue

that would make the state Chamber of Commerce proud. If I don't feel like yakking, I just say I'm from Arizona and I sell mortuary services or life insurance. That always causes the other party to immediately begin reading a magazine or to close their eyes and pretend to sleep.

On my last trip, I didn't do either of those things. "So what do you do in Arizona," the man asked. "I'm a fishing guide."

He looked skeptical. "You have rivers out there in Arizona?"

"Yes, but ours are different than in most places."

"How's that?"

"In most of the country rivers have water in 'em."

"Fish need water to live." I could see that this dude was sharp.

"I didn't say we fish for fish."

"What then," looking really puzzled.

"Rattlesnakes," I replied.

"RATTLESNAKES!"

People from several aisles around turned their heads in our direction. He flagged down a flight attendant and ordered another drink. I ordered my usual, milk and cookies. I really had the dude going.

"How the hell do you fish for rattlesnakes?"

"Well we use bait casting rods or spinning rods and live mice that you can get from any pet store. You put a little harness on the mouse that has a couple of hooks on it. It's cleverly designed so they don't stick the mouse, and there is a little eyelet so you can attach a snap swivel and your fishing line.

I went on to explain the technique. "In the late afternoon when the snakes start to move around, you go out to your favorite dry wash or river bed. You cast the mouse as you would a lure, but you have to be certain that the mouse lands in a soft sandy spot and not on a rock, which usually kills the mouse. Snakes prefer live food, so if the mouse is not alive, you have to rig up again.

"In fact, when I am guiding novices, I tell them just to put the mouse on the ground, pay out some line, and let it scurry off. If you are lucky, a rattler will chomp on the mouse and then you will have a real battle on your hands."

The dude is thinking this over. "How do you get the snake off the hook?" he asks. "Carefully. Veveery carefully."

Chip Chipman is a fishing guide and lives in Nutrioso, Arizona. See "Fishin' with Chip" online at www.azod.com.

"GIRL TALK" with Laquita Hunter

Though I have titled this column "Girl Talk", the subject matter will not necessarily, always, be intended to be of interest to women only. You fellows are invited too.

I enjoy writing articles that are motivational, inspirational or that will pull the heartstrings a bit. I am involved in a women's ministry that is dedicated to helping women reach their full potential as Christians, and of course, women can often relate to each other's experiences and problems and help each other in a way unique to our gender.

I have been doing some reading (and writing) on the subject of our thoughts and how they affect our actions.

One subject, in particular, that I have been putting some thought into is low self-esteem. Low self-esteem is directly related to how we think about ourselves. I realize that a low sense of self worth can be a result of our childhood experiences and a negative relationship with our parents. Maybe someone else contributed to our negative self image by what they told us or how they treated us, but it is now our responsibility to change that image.

Low self-esteem can keep us from reaching our full potential as humans. Because of this problem, we may view ourselves as incapable of accomplishing anything worthwhile. The truth is that most of us are capable of accomplishments far beyond our wildest imaginations.

James Allen, author of the book "As a Man Thinketh", says, "The aphorism, as a man thinketh in his heart so is he, not only embraces the whole of a man's being, but is so comprehensive as to reach out to every condition and circumstance of his life. A man is literally what he thinks, his character being the complete sum of all his thoughts".

Of course, the quote 'as a man thinketh in his heart, so

Federal Funds Available to Rural Areas for Construction of Community Buildings

from Ernie Watson, USDA Rural Development

Who? Rural Development a mission area of United States Department of Agriculture

What? Federal funding available for community facilities in rural areas including: fire and police stations (and equipment) libraries, community centers, day care centers, and other essential facilities used by rural residents of New Mexico.

When? Closing date May 3, 2002.

Contact? Contact USDA Rural Development State Office 6200 Jefferson NE Room 255, Albuquerque, NM 87109 or call 505-761-4955.

Who is eligible? Grants are available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, nonprofit corporations and tribal governments.

Details of first funding availability. Department of Agriculture through its Community Facility (CF) program has \$4-million in funds available to develop essential community facilities in rural communities for eligible Tribal Colleges Listed as 1994 Land Grant Institutions.

These funds are in addition to the Community Facilities grant program's regular allocation of competitive grant funds. Each application will be limited to \$200,000.

Details of second funding availability. Congress appropriated \$19-million in grant money for rural communities with extreme unemployment and severe economic depression. Called the Economic Impact Initiative, these funds are also in addition to the Community Facilities grant programs regular allocation of competitive grant funds.

When to apply? There will be two windows of opportunity to compete for grant funding. To be considered for the first window, all pre-applications along with supporting documentation satisfactory to the agency must be received by the Rural Development State office by close of business May 3, 2002. To be considered for the second window, all pre-applications must be received by the Rural Development State Office by close of business August 16, 2002.

WEB Site. For more information check USDA's web site at: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rd/nofas/index.html>

Sacramento District Ranger Office Now Open On Saturdays

The Sacramento District Ranger Office, part of the Lincoln National Forest, located on Highway 82 and Curlew in Cloudfcroft, is going to be open Saturdays, beginning April 27, 2002, from 7:30am through 4:30pm.

The expanded hours provide the public an opportunity to visit the District Office and pick up free pamphlets and brochures describing camping, picnicking, hiking and recreation opportunities. Also, available for purchase are fuelwood permits, maps and of course, Smokey Bear items.

For more information on the Lincoln National Forest and its District Offices, check out our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln.

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FINANCES Diving For Dividends

from Charles Wagner, CFP

Should stock dividends be in your investment future? With market observers questioning whether stocks will return any time soon to the double-digit growth they experienced during the 1990s, and with questions raised about the accuracy of corporate earnings in the wake of Enron and Global Crossing, some investment experts say dividends are worth a closer look.

During the booming market of the 1990s, many investors scoffed at dividends—quarterly cash payouts to shareholders from corporate earnings—because they were far more interested in stocks with the potential for big price appreciation. Ten years ago, the average dividend yield—the annual dividend divided by the current market price—for the S&P 500 Index was 3.3 percent. Today it stands around 1.3 percent.

Numerous companies, including large ones such as Microsoft and Cisco, don't pay dividends at all. In the mid 1970s, one-third of the companies that went public paid a dividend, according to finance professors Eugene Fama and Kenneth French. By 1999, only 3.7 percent of the new publicly traded companies paid a dividend.

Taxes figured into the appeal of growth companies, as well. That's because dividends are taxed twice—first at the corporate level and then at the investor's level—and they're taxed at the investor's ordinary tax rate. On the other hand, capital gains from price appreciation are taxed only at the investor's level, and then generally at a rate lower than the ordinary rate. The clamor for appreciation by investors grew so strong during the 1990s that corporations minimized or ignored dividends and plowed profits back into their companies with the idea of more than making up the forgone dividends through price gains.

Despite the declining dividend yield, stock dividends have remained a significant, if overlooked, component of overall stock returns. For example, the 10.7 percent average annual return of the S&P 500 since 1926 would have dropped to 6.3 percent without reinvested dividends, according to the Leuthold Group. Even in the low-dividend 1990s, reinvested dividends accounted for 3.1 percent of the 16.9 percent average annual gain, according to The Vanguard Group.

Furthermore, one of the advantages of dividend-paying stocks, say some

experts, is that they cushion the blow of declining stock prices better than companies that don't pay dividends. Remember, to pay out

dividends, a company must have earned a profit. In fact, a study by Standard & Poor's found that 47 stocks that consistently increased dividends in the last decade outperformed the S&P 500 Index.

So back to the opening question: should dividends be in your future? Who should consider dividend stocks (or mutual funds that buy dividend-paying stocks), and what should they look for when buying them?

Dividends have traditionally appealed to two types of investors regardless of how stocks are doing overall: older investors looking for cash income, and more conservative investors who'd rather receive cash in hand than count on gains that might evaporate in a bad market.

Now even some growth-oriented investors have grown skittish in the wake of the down market, and are asking non-dividend-paying companies such as cash-loaded Microsoft to start paying dividends.

If the idea of dividends appeals to you, keep some of these points in mind when choosing stocks:

- Pick a stock because it represents a good company with a good opportunity to grow in price, not just because it pays a dividend.
- You can postpone paying taxes on dividends if you hold the stocks or stock funds in a tax-favored retirement account or IRA.
- Consider interest-paying alternatives such as money markets, certificates of deposit and bonds if you're looking strictly for income, not growth. Many dividend yields currently beat money market and CD returns, but that's not always the case.
- Unusually high dividend yields may be a sign of a company in trouble, say experts. Dividend yield will rise, for example, if the stock price falls while the dividend payout remains the same.
- Because the market is down, some companies are offering dividends as a way to attract investors. Again, it may be a sign of a company in trouble.



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- Generous dividends aren't guaranteed. Numerous companies have drastically cut their dividends as their cash flow tightens in this down economy.

- Studies show that high-dividend stocks tend to lag behind low-dividend stocks when the market takes off.

This column is produced by the Financial Planning Association, the membership organization for the financial planning community, and is provided by Charles Wagner, a local member in good standing of the FPA.

A Little About THE LAW.....

by Sheriff John Lee

I intended to write this article yesterday but we got a little busy. We had three separate fires, all man caused, plus all the other calls to handle. My intention was again to reinforce the current danger with fires, and I guess yesterday makes an excellent example.

The first fire was near the Mescalero Reservation line along the highway from Cloudcroft to Ruidoso. The second one started about two hours later near Scot Able. The third started about two hours later again at the head of Karr Canyon. All were contained in a very short time, and I must compliment the U. S. Forest Service for a rapid and effective response. Luckily, the wind was almost at zero MPH, and the slurry planes were "Johnny on the spot." (no pun intended)

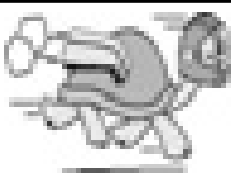
My concern is the fact that we are having the fires at all. I don't know if you are aware or not, but so far this year alone, there have been close to 40 intentional fires set within the boundaries of the Mescalero Reservation. Outside the reservation there have been about a half dozen. Makes you think, doesn't it? Since I have no jurisdiction on the reservation, it also makes it difficult to catch the arsonist. What really bothers me is even if the fire starts on the reservation, depending on how strong the winds are, and in what direction they are blowing, everyone and everything around the reservation is in danger.

One thing that I ask of you is that if you see something out of the ordinary, such as a vehicle prowling around,



people where they shouldn't be or something that just doesn't seem right, please write down as much information as you can and give us a call. I want to stop the fire before it starts if at all possible.

This year's fire season is already worse than any in recent history, and if we are not all very careful, we won't have a forest left to live in, and maybe not even a home. Please be careful up there, and don't hesitate to call us if you see something we should know about.



Sunspot Highway Blues

Do you think the speed limit on the Sunspot Highway is set too low at 35mph? Are you burning up your brakes or dozing at the wheel?

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 you would like to have the Sunspot Highway resurveyed for speed. He says they have already done the work on that 25 mph area on Hwy 130 by Cloudcroft and that it will probably be raised to 35 mph.

If we did nothing but good on earth the memories of us would live forever.

MURT SAYS

Why So Early?

The fire prevention messages are again appearing around southeastern New Mexico. Fire restrictions are in effect in lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management, on the Mescalero Apache reservation and in the Lincoln National Forest. But it is only April, and early April at that.

Typically, the fire prevention message appears as the year progresses toward summer, but this year is different. The various drought indices are rising. Precipitation and snowpack through-

out the Southwest are well below normal. Snow water equivalents, provided by SNOTEL, through March, fall less than 50% of normal throughout the area. Precipitation since the beginning of the year is also below normal, as much as 1.79 inches in some areas. As a result, the fire danger is already at levels typically seen in June and July. For this reason, the Lincoln Zone Interagency Fire Prevention Team, working with all of the various land management agencies is working to raise the awareness of the fire potential and the ways in which we can prevent wildland fires.

When storms like those that came through this weekend drop small amounts of rain, some people believe that the fire danger is instantly reduced. It isn't. It will take three to six inches of rainfall to bring portions of Arizona and New Mexico back to within normal range. The storms we have received have provided more ignition potential in the form of lightning than fire danger mitigation in the form of precipitation. The rain and snowfall only served to briefly wet the fuels in the forests. Within twenty-four hours, evaporation has returned the wildlands to a very high to extreme fire danger.

You can help prevent fire in the wildlands. Please, comply with fire restrictions. Dispose of smoking materials safely and properly. Keep matches away from children. Comply with current New Mexico Environment Department burn bans. If you see a fire, report it. For more information, please contact the Lincoln Zone Interagency Fire Prevention Team at (505) 439-6018.

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WORKING ON YOUR BEHALF...

Consumer Myths

by Attorney General Patricia Madrid

Too many consumers find out the hard way that they have had a misunderstanding about New Mexico law and the protections it provides them. There are some myths that tend to get consumers into trouble. I'd like to point out some of those myths in the hope of dispelling them.

Myth #1: An offer that sounds too good to be true is a great opportunity. That myth is true, it is very likely that the offer is a great opportunity to make money — for the person making you the offer, not for you! This myth is responsible for many people losing money. It might be someone you know offering you tens of thousands of dollars in weeks if you will join their pyramid scheme (of course, they will deny it is an illegal pyramid scheme), or the Nigerian civil servant offering you 30% of \$40 million if you will help transfer funds. It could be a nice fellow you meet at the bank who offers to sell you a winning lottery ticket for a price. My office receives so many questions each day from people who have been approached with offers that sound too good to be true. Please remember an offer that sounds too good to be true is most likely to be a way to lose money.

Myth #2: Consumers have 72 hours to change their mind about a purchase, even a car purchase. This seems to be a pervasive myth and one that leaves a lot of consumers frustrated. Unfortunately, the right of cancellation applies to very limited circumstances. Door-to-door sales, initiated by the seller, are subject to the right of cancellation. If, after purchasing that car, you suffer from buyer's remorse you are unlikely to be able to return it.

Myth #3: I don't need to read all the fine print in the contract, I'll just take the word of the nice salesperson. This myth can cause you a lot of trouble. When you sign a contract, you are binding yourself to those terms. There may be some terms in the fine print that you may not like — you should not rely on a salesperson to tell you everything. If a contract is so complex that you do not understand it, you might not want to sign it until you have a friend or relative review it. Terms of a contract tend to be difficult to challenge after you have signed the contract, so be careful and know what you are agreeing to before you sign your name.

Myth #4: Stores are required to give me a refund if I ask for one. Stores set their own policies on refunds. You should check with the store prior to making the purchase to determine their refund policy.

Myth #5: There is a "lemon law" that protects me against any defective product. New Mexico's "lemon law" is limited to new cars, pickup trucks, motorcycles, and vans sold and registered in New Mexico.

Myth #6: Most of the money solicited and donated to charities go to the intended causes. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. While it is reasonable that some money is required to raise money, there are instances in which the greatest percentage of money raised goes to the telemarketing firm. You have a right to know how much of

your contribution goes to the service and how much to fund raising efforts. You can also search for information about charities at www.ago.state.nm.us.

Myth #7: Only legitimate advertising appears in the respected media. An ad in the respectable media does not guarantee a respectable advertiser. The media is not required, nor do they have the time, to check the claims of advertisers in advance. It is up to the buyer to check out the claims.

Myth #8: Many legitimate contractors go door-to-door to solicit jobs. One of the leading complaints in my office is from individuals who have hired contractors after being solicited at the door. We receive frequent complaints from individuals who have been approached by contractors at their door offering to repave their driveway with left over materials from another job. Because the material is left over, a significant discount is offered. If the job is even completed it tends to be inferior, frequently a very thin layer is put down to cover the driveway. In some cases, the job is not completed though the homeowner has paid for the work. Contractors are licensed by the state. Before hiring someone to do home-repair work, it is advisable to make sure that the contractor is licensed and checking references can be useful.

To learn more about a contractor you could contact Construction Industries Division (982-9541), Better Business Bureau (800 873-2224), and/or the Attorney General's Office 800 678-1508 or 827-6060.

Myth #9: It's safe to give personal information to the nice person calling. Please do not give any personal information to a stranger who calls you. First, you don't really know who the person is — the nice fellow may say he is with your bank but you only have his word for it. Second, personal information, such as your social security number, date of birth and mother's maiden name, provides the key information someone needs to steal your identity.

Myth #10: If someone stole my identity I'd know about it. Unfortunately, identity theft may not be discovered until damage has been done to your credit. Some people learn their identity has been stolen when they are denied credit. It is then that the person finds delinquent loans and credit accounts in their name for which they did not apply. Review your credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting agencies. You want to make certain that your credit report is accurate and includes only activities you have authorized. If your report shows applications for credit that you did not make, you should take immediate action. Details on what to do may be obtained from the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General or checking the web site of the Federal Trade Commission (www.consumer.gov/idtheft).

You may reach my Consumer Protection Division at (800) 678-1508, or in Santa Fe at 827-6060. You may file a consumer complaint on-line at www.ago.state.nm.us. Or you may write the office at P.O. Drawer 1508, Santa Fe 87504-1508.

DIALOGUE ON DISABILITY

Multiple Sclerosis And What It Is...

by Debbie Raymond, Otero County's Disability Advocate

This is the first of a series dealing with diseases that cause disability. I have been questioned so often on Multiple Sclerosis that I selected it to be the first subject.

Multiple Sclerosis commonly known as MS is a disease of the central nervous system, the nerves that comprise the brain and spinal cord. Multiple sclerosis refers to the "many" areas of patchy scarring or plaques. This results when the body's immune system attacks the myelin sheath, a fatty insulation covering the nerve fiber. This attack causes an inflammation or destruction of the myelin sheath resulting in damage to the sheath and sometimes the nerve fiber. When any part of the myelin sheath or nerve fiber is damaged or destroyed, nerve impulses to and from the brain are distorted or interrupted.

MS is NOT a fatal disease. Individuals with MS can live near normal life expectancies. Most people with MS learn to cope with the disease, and live full, productive lives.

The symptoms of MS may include tingling, numbness, painful sensations, slurred speech, blurred or double vision and fatigue. Some people experience muscle weakness, poor balance, poor coordination, muscle tightness or spasticity or paralysis, which may be temporary or permanent. MS can cause cognitive changes such as forgetfulness, difficulty concentrating or mood swings. Symptoms may come and go, appear in any combination, and be mild, moderate or severe. There are medications and therapies to help with most symptoms.

A third of a million Americans have MS. Most are diagnosed between the ages of 20 to 50 years of age and about two thirds are

women. The disease is more frequently found among people who grew up in colder climates. Studies indicate that genetic factors make certain individuals susceptible to the disease, but there is no evidence that MS is directly inherited.

MS is an unpredictable disease. Symptoms vary greatly from person to person. Periods of active MS symptoms are called **attacks, exacerbations, or relapses**. Usually these periods of active MS are followed by partial to total remission. These remissions can last months to years. This is diagnosed as relapsing-remitting MS. Others can experience a progressive disease course with steadily worsening symptoms. The disease may worsen steadily from the onset (**primary-progressive MS**) or may become progressive after a relapsing-remitting course (**secondary-progressive MS**).

Because MS affects individuals so differently, it is difficult to make generalizations about the disability. Some remain able to walk over their lifetime, but many will need a cane or other assistive device. Some will need a scooter or wheelchair to conserve energy and yet others will require a wheelchair to maintain mobility.

MS is not easily diagnosed because symptoms may come and go. Advances in MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) are helping to clarify diagnosis. A definitive diagnosis can take several months and sometimes years.

MS as yet cannot be cured, but it can be treated. There are several methods of treatment and any one treatment would depend solely on the individual and their neurologist. Physical therapy, aquatic programs, vocational and cognitive rehabilitation, attention to diet, adequate rest, and counseling may be invaluable for maintaining independence and quality of life. Two outside factors that can affect a person with MS is stress and heat. Either of these can cause symptoms of fatigue to an attack.

Knowledge about MS is growing quickly and many clinical trials are in progress. There are several organizations that deal with the research and treatment of MS.

This article has explained the generalities of Multiple Sclerosis. Symptoms, treatments and medications differ for any one person. More information can be obtained through Support Groups or organizations that deal with information and research.

There currently is a support group in Otero County (Lincoln/Otero MS Support Group). The Group meets the second Thursday of each month at the Woman's Club (12th and Indiana) in Alamogordo. The latest medical treatments to other alternative treatments are discussed. The support group is open to people with MS, their family and friends. Information regarding the Support Group can be obtained by contacting group leaders Jeannie DeCanditis of Ruidoso (258-9105) or Debbie Raymond of Alamogordo (443-9065).

For more information on disability issues in general call Debbie Raymond at 443-9065 or Robert Hawkins at 434-4865.

Information for this article was obtained from various sources and the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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4 Grants Available to States for Endangered Species Conservation

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is seeking proposals from states and U.S. territories interested in acquiring land or conducting conservation planning for endangered species. Three innovative grant programs, totaling \$85.7 million, are available to states willing to purchase land or improve habitat for federally protected species. The grants are expected to be awarded summer 2002.

"Local involvement is the cornerstone of conservation success," said Service Director Steve Williams. "Through programs such as these, the Service is building stronger partnerships with the states and finding new ways to support and work with landowners willing to provide valuable habitat for wildlife."

The grants will be awarded from the Cooperative Endangered Species Conservation Fund, authorized under the Endangered Species Act. This fund provides grants to states and territories to support their participation in a wide array of voluntary conservation projects for listed species, as well as for species either proposed or candidates for listing. By law, the state or territory must contribute 25% of the estimated program costs of approved projects, or 10% when two or more states or territories undertake a joint project.

The three grant programs are:

Recovery Land Acquisition Grants (\$17.8 million) - These grants provide funds to states and territories for acquisition of habitat for endangered and threatened species in support of approved recovery plans. Acquisition of habitat to secure long term protection is often an essential element of a comprehensive recovery effort for a listed species.

Habitat Conservation Planning Assistance Grants (\$6.6 million) - These grants provide funds to states and territories to support the development of Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs), through the support of baseline surveys and inventories, document preparation, outreach, and similar planning activities.

HCP Land Acquisition Grants (\$61.3 million) - These grants provide funds to states and territories to acquire land associated with approved HCPs. Grants do not fund the mitigation required of an HCP permittee; instead, they support conservation actions by the State or local governments that complement mitigation.

For more information about these grants contact: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Consultation, Habitat Conservation Planning, Recovery and State Grants, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 420, Arlington, VA 22203, 703-358-2106. Information also can be accessed at <http://endangered.fws.gov/grants/>.

Mexican Wolf Reintroduction Update

from Elizabeth Slown, Fish and Wildlife

This is a brief summary of current information about the Mexican gray wolf reintroduction program in Arizona and New Mexico. Additional information can be obtained by calling (505) 248-6652 or (928) 367-4281 or by visiting <http://mexicanwolf.fws.gov>. Please note that access to this website has been restored.

Call toll-free at (888) 459-9653 to report suspected livestock depredations, incidents of take or harassment of wolves, or wolf sightings. The reintroduction is a multi-agency cooperative effort between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Arizona Game and Fish Department, New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, USDA-Wildlife Services, U.S. Forest Service, the Turner Endangered Species Fund, and the White Mountain Apache Tribe.

WOLF PACK NEWS

Lupine Pack, NM M632 has been located southeast of Horse Peak, northeast of Simon Lake, and northeast of Pelona Mountain. On April 4 he was observed feeding on a cow carcass. Investigation confirmed the cow died while giving birth; M632 was not involved in a depredation. Efforts are ongoing to capture him to remove him from the area and return him to captivity.

Wildcat Pack, NM This pack no longer exists (M578 was captured and returned to captivity March 18).

Saddle Pack, AZ The alpha pair has been located southwest of Rose Peak and southeast of Honeymoon Campground. Yearling f646 has been located southeast of Freezeout Mountain and southeast of Loafer Tank. On April 8, all three wolves were seen together near Strayhorse Divide in the Apache National Forest.

Hawks Nest Pack, AZ The pair has been located in the Williams Valley area; however, project personnel were unable to locate them April 5th, 8th, or 9th.

Bonito Creek Pack, AZ AM674 and AF587 were located east of Reservation Lake, southwest of Big Lake, and southeast of Odart Mountain.

Cienega Pack, AZ/NM The alpha pair has been located southeast of KP Cienega Campground and northeast of Strayhorse Campground, as well as east of Hannagan Meadow on the Apache National Forest. Yearling F621 is still in New Mexico southwest of Adam Hoague Lake and northeast of Willow Mountain. She has been in the same location for three consecutive flights. Project personnel confirmed she was localized in the area and has been feeding on an elk carcass.

Francisco Pack, AZ All three have been located together on the White Mountain Apache Reservation southeast of Tonto Lake and north of the Black River as well as southwest of Freezeout Mountain.

Pipestem Pack, NM Project personnel have been trying to capture the pair since the confirmed depredations in late March. To date, they have not been successful and the pair has since moved off the Adobe Ranch. Most recently they were located south of Cooney Prairie near Gillette tank.

Gapiwi Pack, NM The pair was transported from the Ladder Ranch to a mesh pen at Lilley Park in the Gila Wilder-

ness. The wolves remain in the pen and are being monitored by pen-sitters. They will be released in mid-April if they do not self-release before then. AF624 is pregnant and is expected to whelp soon.

Luna Pack, NM The pair was transported from the Ladder Ranch to a mesh pen at McKenna Park in the Gila Wilderness. The wolves chewed out immediately from the pen and self-released to the wild. The male has been staying near the pen site but the female has moved several miles away. AF562 is pregnant and is expected to whelp soon.

REWARDS OFFERED

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is offering a reward of up to \$10,000 for information leading to the conviction of the individual or individuals responsible for the recent shooting deaths of three Mexican gray wolves. An additional \$5,000 is being offered by the Center for Biological Diversity. The Lupine Pack alpha female, AF169, was found dead on November 15 near Maverick Mountain on the White Mountain Apache Reservation; Saddle Pack yearling female, f645, was found dead on November 5, near Forest Road 117, south of Highway 60, in the Greens Peak area near Vernon; and Lupine yearling male, m630, was found December 3, 18 miles northwest of Springerville, south of Highway 60 in Apache County, Arizona.

Individuals with information they believe may be helpful should call New Mexico Game and Fish Department Operation Game Thief at 1-800-432-4263.

The killing of a Mexican gray wolf is a violation of Federal and Arizona and New Mexico state laws.

Know Your Options When Planning Your Estate

The New Mexico State Agency on Aging is cautioning individuals interested in estate planning to keep in mind that estate planning workshops being held across the state are actually sales presentations.

At least two companies are conducting estate planning workshops in New Mexico. As advertised, the workshops offer general information about probate, taxes and the cost of long-term care and the advantages of setting up living trusts.

Like any business, however, these companies are using these workshops to promote and sell a product; in this case, living trusts, annuities or long-term care insurance. According to individuals who have attended these workshops, the workshops offer some information that is helpful and relevant, but other information was found to be inaccurate, incomplete and biased.

Estate planning encompasses a broad base of options from which to choose. People who attend these workshops must be sure that they assess all options available in estate planning. When considering such promotions:

Be wary of any company that encourages the purchase

of one particular product as a solution to most of your problems;

* Be sure you understand how the legal instrument works, what else you need to do to make it work, and how much it will all cost;

* Be sure that the benefits claimed for the legal instrument actually apply to you. For example, the need to buy products to avoid estate tax liability applies to comparatively few seniors. Individuals can currently leave up to \$1 million in assets to their heirs (an unlimited amount to a spouse) without estate tax liability.

* Be sure you understand the comparative costs, benefits and downsides of common alternative products you can buy or actions you can take;

* Obtain as much independent, objective information about particular products and alternatives as you can; and

* Never allow yourself to be pressured into making a decision.

* Any reputable company should be willing to discuss this information with you. Ask how the company makes its money and how the salespeople make theirs. A company that makes its money by selling a particular product is likely to stress the value of that product compared to alternatives, and salespeople who work on commission are more motivated to convince you to buy.

* Learn about New Mexico law. A relatively new law, called the Transfer on Death Deed, allows property owners to transfer property to a named beneficiary without having to go through probate. In combination with other non-probate transfers, such as pay on death bank accounts and transfer on death stocks, many people can develop a simple estate plan that avoids probate entirely.

If you have questions about estate planning, please call the State Agency on Aging (800-432-2080), or the Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program (800-876-6657).

Search is on for Supporters of Diversity

Nominations are now being accepted for the Governor's Recognition of Achievement in Aging Award (the GRAA Award), which honors exemplary service by or to the aging community.

This year, the GRAA Award will recognize someone who has worked to encourage and support cultural diversity or who has improved relationships between cultures and generations. Preference will be given to nominees who are 60 years of age or older. All nominees must reside and have worked in New Mexico.

To make a nomination, send a written description of the individual's merits and accomplishments, your and their address, and any supporting materials to:

New Mexico State Agency on Aging
228 E. Palace Ave.
Santa Fe, NM 87501
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Nominations also can be emailed to kay.bird@state.nm.us.

Nominations cannot be returned. The deadline for nominations is June 28. The award will be presented at the 24th Annual New Mexico Conference on Aging, to be held Aug. 20-22 at Glorieta LifeWay Conference Center. For more information, call 1-800-432-2080.

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Information Requests Questions regarding management practices of the Sacramento Ranger District may be addressed to: Frank Martinez; Sacramento Ranger District: PO Box 288, Cloudcroft, NM 88317. The phone number is (505) 682-2551.

The Sacramento Ranger District is within the Lincoln National Forest. Questions regarding management practices for the Lincoln National Forest may be addressed to: José Martinez, Forest Supervisor, Lincoln National Forest, 1101 New York Ave., Alamogordo, NM 88310. The phone number is (505) 434-7200.

There are two websites containing visitor and forest management information regarding the Lincoln National Forest. They are:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln/>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/largewatershedprojects>

Toll Free Fire Dispatch There is now a 24-hour toll free phone number to call and report possible wildfires. The number is 1-887-695-1663.

NEW THIS MONTH

Slash Pit Schedule for May. The slash pit located on Highway 244 near the junction of Highway 82, east of Cloudcroft will reopen in April to accept slash from area homes and businesses. Remember, only slash created from pruning trees and shrubs as well as leaves, pine needles and other natural yard waste can be accepted. Cleared material from construction, lumber, and garbage cannot be brought to the pit. Slash generated from commercial thinning contracts cannot be accepted due to limited space. The schedule for opening is May 4, 10, 18, and 24 from approximately 9:00 am to 3:30pm. Please call the District Office at 682-2551 for more information.

Fuel wood Areas Open. The Wright Springs Fuelwood Area is still open. Pinyon pine is the primary species available but any dead and down wood may be removed. The permits sell for \$10.00 per cord. Wright Springs is located on Forest Road 90 (the West Side Road) approximately 27 miles from Cloudcroft.

Pine Engraver Threatens Sacramento Mountain Foothills

Those patches of dying trees around High Rolls, Timberon, and Mayhill are the work of an insect called the Pine Engraver Beetle (genus: Ips) and is one of the most common and widely distributed bark beetles in North America. Although it is the pinyon pine dying, ponderosa pine can also be attacked. These beetles are opportunists that can sense trees under stress and attack in enough numbers to kill the tree. Pine engraver can go through up to four generations in a season, which is what will seem to be a wave of mortality throughout the summer.

As over-wintering beetles become active in the spring, they infest fresh slash or trees damaged by wind, snow, or other damaging agents. As can be seen in High Rolls, trees on dry ridges tend to be killed first. The spring generation normally will not attack green healthy trees. Local drought stress and high tree density will predispose pinyon to attack. Some research has shown that if precipitation is 75% of normal or less, moderate to heavy tree mortality may be expected in overstocked (dense) pine stands. Outbreaks are usually of short duration, seldom lasting more than one season. During extreme droughty conditions, damage may continue for 2 to 3 years. Given our local conditions of tree density and the current drought, I am willing to predict substantial mortality will occur this year. There is documentation that a similar dieback of pinyon pine occurred during the 1930's.

Predation by woodpeckers, other beetles, flies, and mites is common as is parasitism by wasps and nematodes, but these factors have never been known to have prevented an outbreak. Most pine engraver problems are associated with disturbances such as windthrow and snow breakage, drought in spring and early summer, logging, fires, road construction, housing development or other human activities. Pine slash or weakened trees created by these disturbances attract beetles and provide ideal conditions for population buildup and subsequent tree killing.

I don't usually like to make tree mortality predictions of this magnitude, but again, the current condition of this forest is such that until the drought breaks, our pinyon pine trees face great peril.

Practices recommended for landowners to consider:

* If you cut down a pinyon pine for whatever reason, cover or otherwise dispose of the slash (burn, chip, remove). Cutting into small pieces and

scattering in a sunny place can be effective.

* Be careful not to damage pinyon pine in any way when moving earth, or clearing land. Maintaining a lawn under a pine can cause over-watering to the tree, thus damaging it.

* Thinning your woodlot can provide the pinyon the vigor that may resist an attack. When thinning, give pinyon pine about a crown width of distance to the next tree. Favor species that don't get attacked by the Ips (any hardwood or juniper).

* If a pinyon dies on your land, it is no longer brood material but disposal of the tree will reduce fire hazard. Pinyon makes good fuelwood.

* Several insecticides can be effective (liquid seven) when control is essential.

This article was submitted by Dennis M. Dwyer, Silviculturist, Sacramento Ranger District. For more information, contact Mr. Dwyer in our Cloudcroft office or on the web:

http://www.for.nau.edu/usfs/r3_fpm/engravguide.html

Fire Management Fire season is here about 4-6 weeks early this year. The remote weather stations are showing fire indices (danger level indicators) at or near record levels for this time of year. All of the fire crews are hired and working on a rotating schedule to provide 7-day per week coverage. This year, we have four engines, a Hotshot crew, four fire prevention officers, and two fire lookouts staffed. We received "severity" funding that allowed us to bring the crews on early and train them ahead of schedule.

Over the past six weeks, we have had five wildfires that have burned about 30 acres. All five fires were "human" caused. The fire staff wants to encourage everyone to please be careful. Conditions are such that a single match or parking a vehicle in a grassy area may cause a fire. On these windy spring days, actions such as these could result in a catastrophic fire.

The fuels management staff was prepared to award a contract for about 290 acres of tree thinning in the Wills and Slough Canyon areas. Due to the extreme fire conditions, we decided to wait until July 1st to award this contract. We are preparing and marking forest tracts for another 400-500 acres of thinning in the Benson and 8-Mile Ridge areas. Notices will be posted when we are ready to accept bids on these contracts. For more information, contact James Villard, Fire Management Officer, at (505) 682-2551.

Campgrounds Now Open Recreation Resource Management, the concessionaire operating the campgrounds and picnic sites on the Forest has opened Silver and Silver Overflow campgrounds for early season use. The remaining campgrounds will open in May as business increases.

Recreation Events Every year, the Forest Service issues permits to

Fee Demo... Continued

A self-service pay/information station has been constructed at the entrance of the campground across from the host site. Fee envelopes and depository is located at the station. Information pertaining to the fee collection will be provided at the fee station. **Fee collection will begin on May 1, 2002.**

Oak Grove Campground is located on State Route 532 (the ski run road) north of Ruidoso. The recently reconstructed campground was reopened last year for the first time. It offers users a high mountain camping experience. The campground has 30 individual camping sites for tents and some RVs. There are three toilets in the campground and each campsite has a table and fire ring. There is no water.

A \$6 per vehicle/per day fee will be charged for each individual campsite. The maximum stay period in the campground is 15 days. No reservations will be taken for individual campsites. Use will be on a first come basis.

A self-service pay/information station has been constructed at the entrance above the host site. Fee envelopes and depository is located at the station. Information pertaining to the fee collection will be provided at the fee station. **Fee collection will begin when the campground is opened on May 15, 2002.**

Our visitors are valued as special guests. Our goal is for our visitors to have positive and lasting memories as they recreate on the Smokey Bear Ranger District.

For more information on the Lincoln National Forest, please check out our website at www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln.

individuals and organizations sponsoring commercial recreation events open to the public. Recreation event organizers usually charge a fee to participate. Following is a current list of recreation events that have been scheduled:

*Wapiti 3D Archery Tournament - May 11, June 7-9, July 14, Aug. 10. Sponsor: Butch House.

*High Altitude Mountain Bike Event - May 18-19. Sponsor: Matt Willett.

Haynes & Tunnel Vista Work has begun to repair or replace signs that were damaged or stolen from two popular roadside vistas. The recently constructed Haynes Vista on the Sunspot Highway sustained serious vandalism when three interpretive signs were destroyed and stolen by vandals. Replacement signs have been ordered and will be installed by our recreation maintenance staff using more durable materials. The three wooden signs at the Tunnel Vista on Highway 82 that were also vandalized, have been repair, repainted, and reinstalled. We hope that the new signed will be left alone so that they can be enjoyed by the visitors to our area.

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. (Forest Service personnel are not trained in legal matters - if you have any 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 and speak to Brad Orr.

Recreation New Auto Tour Published: The Sacramento Ranger District has recently produced a small pamphlet designed to provide Forest visitors information about fire history in the Sacramento Mountains. The pamphlet titled "Fires of the Sacramento Mountains Self-Guided Auto Tour" details information on some of the larger fires that have occurred in this part of the Lincoln National Forest. The auto tour examines the effect of large fire on wildlife and how animals use burned-over areas. The tour is complete with signs, which have been installed to locate roads and stopping points along the route. The pamphlet can be picked up (fee of charge) at the Sacramento Ranger District Office where the tour begins. We hope this will provide some insights on the role of fire in the ecosystem.

The National Recreation Reservation Service is taking reservations for the following Group Campgrounds: Aspen, Black Bear, Lower Fir (upon completion of reconstruction), Slide, Upper Fir (upon completion of reconstruction).

To make a reservation, call 1-888-444-6777. A website is available that allows customers to check availability dates and make on-line reservations. Reservations may be made from 5 days to 1 year in advance. The web site address is: <http://reserveusa.com/>.

Hunting/Fishing Licenses and Fuelwood Many outdoor enthusiasts visiting the Lincoln National Forest for the first time may be looking for hunting and fishing opportunities. Many big game hunting licenses must be applied for through a lottery system with New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, some hunting and fishing licenses may be purchased over the counter at various locations. Currently, the closest locations to purchase these licenses are in Alamogordo located at "The Game Trail", "K-Mart", "Mayhill Feed and Supply", and "Wal-Mart."

New Mexico 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. The requirement is for woody materials that are cut from public or private land.


The Bureau of Indian Affairs at Mescalero sometimes has fuelwood for sale. Call (505) 671-4410 for information. Several sawmills and timber companies also sell firewood. Contact them directly for information.

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6 During this Dry Time Watch for Beetles and Fire

from Bob Cain, Forest Entomologist

Dry conditions mean big trouble for New Mexico Forest Areas —

Most of New Mexico's mountains have received below normal rain and snow fall four of the last five years. The cumulative affect is being seen in high fire danger and increasing bark beetle populations. The energy release component (ERC), which is a measure of fire danger in the forest, is at a record high for this time of year. For up to date information on fire restrictions within the state you can call 1-877-864-6985 or go to www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire.

Get Ready for Bark Beetles — With no improvement in dry conditions, expect to see serious tree losses this year from bark beetles. Ips engraver beetles in pinyon pine and western pine beetle in ponderosa pine have been building in many areas. Western pine beetle has exploded in southwestern New Mexico with extensive areas of standing dead trees, according to Forest Service entomologists visiting the Gila National Forest. Engraver beetles have devastated extensive pinyon woodlands in recent years in western New Mexico and last year new pockets of dead pinyons became apparent in northern and central New Mexico woodlands. Even trees on good sites with deep soils are being attacked in areas where the drought has been most severe.

Tough trees like juniper are also susceptible to insects when drought stressed. USDA Forest Service entomologist Terry Rogers reports seeing several alligator juniper killed by juniper bark beetles in the Silver City area. Record dry conditions and high overwintering beetle populations will likely lead to dramatic tree losses in many areas.

There are species of bark beetles that will attack urban trees as well. Urban shade and landscape trees need to be watered during dry periods to protect themselves bark beetles, wood borers and certain fungal diseases. Two to four inches of mulch over the root zone of trees and woody plants will help conserve soil moisture and reduce the need for frequent watering.

Creating defensible space — Watching news coverage of forest fires and homes burning in the Ruidoso area and in the Rio Grande bosque last month has increased interest in creating defensible space around homes to reduce fire danger. Last year, NMSU Extension and State Forestry partnered to produce two 8-page color information publications called *Creating Wild-fire-Defensible Zones* and *Fire Wise Plant Materials*. For a free copy call Bob Cain at (505)476-3351.

Fire Wise Workshops — There is still an opportunity to attend a Fire Wise Workshop this year. These one day workshops are designed to educate forest homeowners to reduce their risk from forest fire. Reasons to do so are ecological, economical and may help avoid a great deal of personal loss. A workshop will be offered in Ruidoso at the Ruidoso Convention Center on May 9.

Drought... Continued

west. Most are predicting that won't occur until later in the year. Snow pack predictions for runoff next year are a little better. However, a year away predictions are usually worth about what you have to pay for them.

For those interested in seeing current conditions and weather predictions on-line, visit <http://weather.nmsu.edu/drought>. This is the homepage for the New Mexico Drought Task Force. Much more can be found, from local to global information, by visiting the New Mexico Climate Center web site. Simply drop the word "drought" from the address given above to find the Climate Center.

In the meantime, start taking actions to conserve water used in your operation. For cropping operations, learn and use efficient irrigation practices. NMSU Cooperative Extension Service recently concluded an Irrigation Efficiency conference that presented many crop specific water saving practices. Ask your County Extension agents for tips or ideas on how to irrigate smarter.

Livestock operators can also prepare for worsening drought conditions. For example, servicing windmills to make sure they won't fail at critical times. Water delivery and storage equipment might also be checked to plug leaks, increase capacity, supply another pasture, etc... While you're at it, don't forget desirable wildlife. In many cases, stock tanks are the only source of water, particularly for small game, like quail or turkey. Simply providing a ramp, inside and out of the tank, can help breeding stock survive a drought.

As agricultural producers, drought years are always the worst in which to survive. Making smart business decisions now, along with making best use of available water, will help producers cut their losses and be around when the rain comes.

About The Coyote... Continued

When it comes to their diet, coyotes are opportunistic feeders. They prey upon a variety of mammals but will readily eat fruit, seeds, berries, or grasshoppers found along the way. In New Mexico, the favorite diet of the coyote is black-tailed jackrabbit with voles and mice a close second. When snows are deep in winter, coyotes can, and will, prey on deer; individuals singled out are usually first year fawns or the old or infirm. Although coyotes will prey upon domestic livestock in certain circumstances, they usually find it too time and energy consuming to do so. In winter, it's far more efficient for coyotes to feed on carrion.

When it comes to territories, a wolf's home range is about twelve times larger than that of a coyote. A coyote pack's home range may be as small as 2-3 square miles to 40-50 square miles. In the heart of this range lies the pack's core area, a much smaller, more intensely guarded zone in which coyotes spend most of their time.

Coyotes communicate through scent marking by fecal and urine deposits and anal sac secretions. Coyote scent marking is a way to keep tabs on their neighbors. It's also a way of keeping peace among predators who have learned that avoidance is better than confrontation. Coyotes have two anal musk glands that secrete a strong smelling, pasty liquid that acts as a personal identification for individual coyotes and, by extension, for packs.

As far as family life goes, coyote pairs are monogamous and devoted - living in unions that usually last a lifetime. A coyote pack is typically 3-8 animals. The nucleus of the pack is the mated pair, also known as the alpha pair, the dominant ani-

Bush Selects New Mexican as Administrator for USDA Food and Nutrition Service

from the US Department of Agriculture

WASHINGTON, April 9, 2002 — The Bush administration today announced the selection of Roberto Salazar as the administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) for the nation. Salazar will officially join FNS on April 22, 2002.

"Being responsible for our nation's nutrition and access to food will be an awesome challenge that I welcome," said Salazar. I am honored and humbled that the President of the United States has placed his confidence in me to serve the American people in this capacity."

Salazar comes to FNS from USDA's Rural Development agency in New Mexico where he served as the state director. He was responsible for programs designed to improve the quality of life in the state through federal programs that provide direct financial investment in business, housing and utilities infrastructure.

"Roberto Salazar brings a wealth of knowledge to USDA," said USDA Secretary Ann Veneman. "His experience in state and federal agencies will enhance our food and nutrition programs."

Salazar previously served as the director of the New Mexico Human Services Department's Child Support Enforcement and Income Support Divisions, where he administered the Food Stamp, Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) and Temporary Assistance to

Needy Families (TANF) programs.

"This is another proud day for New Mexico," said Senator Pete V. Domenici (R-NM). Roberto has been instrumental in creating an economic environment in New Mexico that is friendly to job-rich industries and I am confident that he will serve our country well."

"Roberto brings a wealth of experience in the management and administration of programs, particularly for needy individuals and families. He will be a valuable team member at the Food and Nutrition Service," said Under Secretary for Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services Eric M. Bost.

Salazar has held senior management positions with the New Mexico Economic Development Department and the U.S. Department of Commerce's Minority Business Development Agency. He was the executive director of the Hispanic Radio Network where he oversaw the development, production and international syndication of educational radio programs to over 160 stations in 18 countries.

A native of Las Vegas, New Mexico, the 35 year old Salazar currently resides in Santa Fe and is a member of the New Mexico State Fair Commission.

FNS administers 15 nutrition assistance programs, including the Food Stamp Program, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program, the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, and commodity assistance programs, to provide a nutrition safety net for at-risk families and children.



New Fire Shelter Designs Narrowed Down to Four

Boise, Idaho - The leadership of the Federal wildland firefighting agencies, the USDA Forest Service, and the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Fish and Wildlife Service, have forwarded four designs for final testing as the new generation of fire shelters.

The fire shelter is carried by all Federal, State and local wildland firefighters, and is always a protective device of last resort. All the wildland firefighting agencies continue to emphasize, through training and briefings, that avoiding entrapment is the best means of firefighter safety. Firefighters who follow the safety tenets of the 10 Standard Firefighting Orders and LCES - Lookouts, Communications, Escape Routes and Safety Zones should never need to use their fire shelter.

The Forest Service's Missoula Technology and Development Center (MTDC) has been leading the research and testing for the new shelter design since early 1998. Cooperators in development of the testing and design of the new generation of shelters includes the University of Alberta, the Underwriter's Laboratory, NASA, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, and SGS-US Testing Company, Inc. and others.

Although MTDC had baseline data about the testing of the current fire shelter, the scientists and engineers acknowledged the lack of consistent testing protocols for new fire shelter materials, so developing the tests was the first step in the process. Given that field conditions vary widely, the tests needed to be repeatable in a laboratory for accuracy and fairness.

Once the testing parameters were developed, many private companies expressed interest and provided products for testing. These proposed materials for the new fire shelter were tested for strength, resistance to a variety of thermal, radiant, and convective heat conditions, weight, bulk, and size. Cost of materials is also a factor given the limited budgets maintained by rural and volunteer firefighters. The product will be consistent with National Fire Protection Association (NFPA 1977) standards.

After the final four designs complete further testing, the Federal Fire and Aviation Leadership Council will select the preferred product based on the survivability and durability criteria, and physical characteristics. MTDC will provide the design specifications of the selected shelter. The production and quality control of the new fire shelters will be directed through a General Services Administration (GSA) contract. The new fire shelters should be available in June, 2003.

mals of the pack. Only the alpha pair may breed. Mating takes place in early February.

There are usually two or more beta coyotes in the pack, young adults who main role is to defend the pack's territory and help look after the nursing mother and new pups. Betas are older siblings from the previous year who did not leave the pack when they reached young adulthood. Other siblings dispersed to become nomads (some permanently) or meet up with other dispersed coyotes of the opposite sex to eventually form new packs.

Pups are born to the alpha couple in late April or early May after a gestation period of 60-63 days. The female gives birth in a den modified or enlarged by adults, such as a hollow log, the abandoned burrow of another animal, or some natural shelter. Coyote pups are altricial, that is, born blind and helpless. About 10 days after birth, the pups' eyes open. Youngsters emerge from the den at 2-3 weeks. While the alpha female cares for her pups, the other members of the pack care for her. They bring her food, baby sit the young so she may go off on her own, and help move the pups from one den to another. A core area will frequently have several den sites, and pups may be moved several times a week. This is for safety's sake, should the den be discovered by a potential enemy, as well as to avoid parasites that often infest dens.

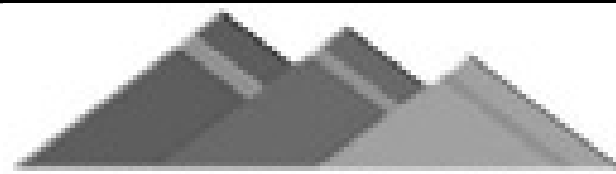
Pups are weaned between 5-7 weeks but begin sampling solid food somewhat earlier. Mother and father coyote will regurgitate partially digested food for their growing family. Before long, pups accompany their parents and older siblings on hunting excursions. Young coyotes are highly vulnerable to natural and human-caused mortality. Less than half of all litter-mates live to complete their first year. In fall, the social organization of the pack undergoes an internal shuffle. Some of the pups disperse to become nomads, some stay on to become helpers (betas) for next spring's pups, and previous betas may disperse to form packs of their own elsewhere.

\$327 Million for Rural Distance Learning and Telemedicine

Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman today announced the availability of \$27 million in grants and \$300 million loans for distance learning and telemedicine projects serving rural America. The deadline for applications is May 13, 2002, for grants, and August 31, 2002, for loans or combination loans and grants.

"These loans will help provide important resources to strengthen distance learning and telemedicine programs for rural America," said Veneman. "Innovation and technology are helping bring new resources to rural communities and can improve educational opportunities and health care." The DIT program, administered by Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service, finances end user equipment to expand the resources available to students and opportunities for improved medical service in isolated rural areas.

Information on the Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program for 2002 is available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm>.



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Mountain Times "BUSINESS OF THE MONTH"

featuring VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICE in High Rolls

by Beth Flynn

This month we are recognizing Veterinary Medical Service on 27 Terrace Circle in High Rolls. The hospital is accessible from Highway 82, and there is a sign posted. Dr. Robert L. Eason, D.V.M., and his wife, Polly, own and operate this full service veterinary hospital that was established September 1, 1996. Dr. Eason is the only practicing veterinarian in his hospital, and his services are a valuable asset to our mountain communities.

The Veterinary Medical Service is open Monday through Friday from 9-12pm and 2-5pm. Dr. Eason uses the time between 12 and 2pm to do surgeries, respond to emergencies, and meet appointments with his established large animal patients. The hospital is also open Saturdays from 9-1pm. The telephone number is 682-2645. Appointments are not necessary, and walk in patients are welcomed. Dr. Eason does respond to emergencies 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If no one is available to take your emergency call, Dr. Eason asks that a message be left on his answering machine along with your telephone number. He does return all calls.

Dr. Eason is exceptionally busy at the hospital caring for small companion animals such as dogs and cats. When entrusting my own two dogs to Dr. Eason's care, I was struck by how he sincerely cares about his patients and their well-being. He has a good rapport with animals, and treats them with kindness, gentleness, and compassion. Dr. Eason takes great pride in his hospital practice.

Dr. Eason is one of two large animal veterinarians in this area, and cares for horses and cows. He does have a mobile unit that he uses for his established clients; however, he does not use his mobile unit to treat new large animal patients. He asks that their owners bring any new large animal patients to his hospital.

The hospital is impressively built to AAHA standards. Dr. Eason thought of everything when planning his hospital, and has all of the new state of the art equipment needed for his practice. For example, there is a blood pressure machine, pulse oximeter, and a portable X-Ray machine. Complete blood work and dentals are done in-house, and there is a dark room to develop X-Rays immediately. If a patient is suspected of having an infectious disease there is an isolation room to separate them from other patients.

Dr. Eason's hospital also offers separate dog and cat boarding facilities. It is highly recommended that advance reservations be made dur-

ing the summer break and holidays. Along with the hospital, the dog and cat boarding facilities are kept immaculately clean and disinfected. The animals are taken care of three times a day, and Dr. Eason is available for any possible emergencies.

The cathouse is adjacent to the hospital, and is actually a remodeled bungalow-style house dating back to 1908. The house is kept cool and comfortable. It affords the cat boarders peace and quiet from the dog boarders and the animals visiting the hospital for treatment.

There are armchairs for visitors and the hospital's five assistants when they come to play with the cats. In the past, veterinarian students studying under Dr. Eason for a week or two stayed in the house's one bedroom, and kept the cats company.

The dog boarding facility is located in the back of the hospital. All breeds of dogs are welcomed as long as they are not aggressive. The dogs are kept separated at all times in their own kennels. The only exception is if two companion dogs

from the same family want to be boarded together. There is a spacious double fenced outside area for the dogs to enjoy separately at their given time. The double fencing has kept dogs from jumping the fence and escaping. The facility offers quality dog food, but owners are more than welcomed to provide the food their dogs are accustomed to.

Mrs. Eason has the highly important job of ensuring that the hospital runs smoothly and efficiently. Most of the time, you can find her in the front reception area answering telephone calls and assisting clients who need to see Dr. Eason. Mrs. Eason also rides along with Dr. Eason in his mobile unit. It is her responsibility to help with driving

directions and assist the doctor with animal patients when necessary.

The Easons have been married 40 years! They both originate from Georgia. Dr. Eason is from Valdosta, and Mrs. Eason is from Gainesville. They have three daughters: Joyce, Peggy, and Dawn. There are six grandchildren that visit the Easons during the summer break and other holidays. The Easons speak of their close-knit family with pride, love, and devotion.

In 1982, Dr. Eason retired as a Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years of service. Dr. Eason was a veterinarian for military working dogs during the Vietnam War, and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service. Later, he was assigned to Cape Kennedy, and was involved with the Apollo Space program. Dr. Eason assisted in the first manned Lunar Orbit Mission of Apollo VIII. He then was employed by New Mexico State University working with chimpanzees. Instead of retiring, Dr. Eason decided to have his own veterinarian practice and opened the Veterinary Medical Service hospital in 1996.

The doctor has an extensive education. Dr. Eason earned a D.V.M. degree at the University of Georgia. He completed a four year pathology residency at the prestigious Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington D.C. which included an extensive pathology study of livestock, poultry, laboratory animals, companion animals, and exotic species. He served on the faculty and research staff at the U.S.A.F. School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Eason is a retired school teacher. She has a B.S. degree in Science and a Master's degree in Science.

Congratulations to the Veterinary Medical Practice for being our Business of the Month. If you need a veterinarian for your animal(s), stop by and visit Dr. Eason, his wife, Polly, and their assistants. They make a great team of professionals!



Picture of Dr. Eason examining a dog at one of the clinics he holds in various mountain communities. His wife is sitting behind the registration table looking on, third person from the left in the back ground. The others in the photo are helpers and pet owners.



Photo by John Griffin

Update on Quemado Lake Fire Station

from John and Barbara Griffin

Great news! We now have a 1200 gallon tanker-truck to complement our 750 gallon pumper-truck. And we're hoping to get a 1 1/2 ton quick-attack truck from the Forest Service via the State Forestry Department. Granted, these are used trucks which will require some work to get them ready for service, but they do put us in a much better position getting prepared for the fire season.

We still don't have a fire-house but we're getting closer — the site is ready, a bid for the 2400 square foot metal building has been awarded to the Mueller Co., and the foundation work as well as the building erection work have been sent out for bids. This promises to be an extremely busy year and hopefully a gratifying one as well, as we hope to be in our new fire-house before the snow flies this fall.

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Elephant Butte Grant Recreation Facilities

Elephant Butte Lake State Park will soon get new recreational facilities thanks to a nearly \$1.0 million Land and Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) grant awarded through the National Park Service (NPS), according to U.S. Senator Pete Domenici.

Domenici said that through this grant, Elephant Butte, New Mexico's largest and most popular lake, will receive a total of \$934,377 to construct new recreational facilities at the park's South Monticello Recreational Area.

"Elephant Butte is a tremendous asset to our state's tourism industry. I am pleased to announce that improvements to the park are underway," Domenici said. "By constructing a new campground, boating and support facilities, the park will be a more enjoyable getaway to visitors and hopefully increase its tourism base."

The National Park Service has awarded the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department at the New Mexico State Parks Division the funding to improve the park's resources by creating new campground and boating facilities at the South Monticello Recreational Area

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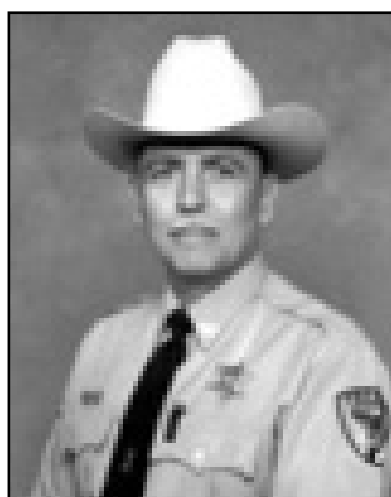
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Our team has set a new meaning to the term "team work."

Everybody knows that the tragic events of September 11th have changed our lives forever. People expect a more professional law enforcement, EMS and fire service. I feel that the people of Otero County should get just that. We all pay taxes and I think you should get what your taxes are supposed to pay for. Let me tell you what goals I have in mind for the county when I am elected.

With grant money from the Law Enforcement Protection Fund, **not county funds**, I will put a better radio repeater system into place. This will ensure that our county deputies, EMS services and volunteer fire departments will be able to communicate. This is important when lives are at stake. You will get service when you call for it instead of hearing "It will take a while, I will have to call them on the phone." Is this what you want to hear if your spouse or child is ill or injured?

I will put a more efficient training program into effect for the deputies. They will learn better patrol procedures and even if the Otero County Commission cuts our budget, as usual, and we do not get the additional help we need, the deputies we have will be out in the county where you need them.

Help me help you. "Keep the team that keeps the peace," the Dave Plotner and John Lee team. I would appreciate your support and please vote for your **Honest** candidate for Sheriff, **vote for Dave Plotner.**

The Pioneer Story of Buster (Dad) DeGraftenried, Part II

During the Great Depression from 1936 to 1940 the Federal Government sponsored a WPA Writers' Project. Local authors were paid to interview older local citizens they considered pioneers. The goal of the Project was to collect and preserve oral histories of these pioneers. After an interview, the author wrote a report (a "manuscript") and these reports are today archived at the Library of Congress.

P. W. Elliott of El Paso, Texas, was an author who worked for the Project. On June 6, 1938, he conducted another interview of Buster (Dad) DeGraftenried. Here is a continuation of the interview he carried out on March 15, 1938, which appeared in this paper on page 10 of the April, 2002, issue. Mr. DeGraftenried was 73 years old in 1938.

In Part I, Mr. DeGraftenried told of his experiences as a young cowboy. He worked on many different ranches, met many interesting cowmen, and was a deputy sheriff. Later, he purchased the Old Horn Ranch after Mr. Horn died, a ranch also known as the Old Tooley Ranch. He succeeded at ranching, branding as many as 8,000 calves at a time. He sold up to 17 thousand head of cattle to one customer. His wife and kids stayed in Portales, about 30 miles from his ranch, so the kids could go to school.

In this second part of his interview, he tells more about his early days as a cowboy working on New Mexico ranches:

"Here I am in El Paso with all the comforts anyone would want or need, but I am lonesome as the folks are out having a good time, which is right. So after reading the papers and listening to the radio, I still can't sleep."

"In running back over my past life, and everything is in the past now. I am thinking I was just one of the old hands that didn't amount to much at the start and still less at the wind up or last drive."

"I am an old man now and I look back over the old trail and see it as it was in 1879. I was 15 years old then and on my own."

"I worked for Causey in a buffalo camp that winter and in the spring and summer of 1880, J. Lynch came in with about 1500 head of southern Texas cattle and turned them loose at Spring Lake, just in Texas and not far from the New Mexico line."

"Causey was through with his hunting then, as the buffalo was a thing of the past, so I went down to the cow outfit and asked for work. I didn't think anything of it at that time, but I remember now how the boys looked at me rather funny and one of them asked me when I got away and how. I said I had been working for George Causey in a buffalo camp north and the work was over and he would now take his kill to Kansas City and sell out."

"One of the men said, 'Do all the men and boys who work for Causey look and dress like you do?', and I said, 'I don't know, why?' and he said, 'Your clothes are at least three sizes too big, did you ever have a bath or have you ever had your hair cut, and I know you never saw a razor.'"

"Now I would give most anything to have a picture of myself at that time. I was small built, around 100 pounds, my hair down my neck and as black as a Mexican's, fuzz on my face as I had never shaved and the bare spots was covered with freckles."

"The boys called me 'Blackie' right off. Well, they all seemed to be old hands and all cow men know an old hand isn't worth a damn to work. He just seems to know too much and the boss can't or won't fire him."

"Hugh Leaper was Boss and he hired me and said they were all busy riding and I could keep the cook in fuel, such as mesquite and cow chips, and help with the other chores which was to rustle the horses at mornings and keep water in the buckets. The well was about 100 steps away and 8 men to wash and drink."

"They played cards most all the time they were in camp and it was, 'Kid, put some chips in the stove as it is cold back here, fix that light...' (which was a cup or pan with tallow and a twisted cotton string down in the grease, one end sticking out. It gave a very good light and plenty of smoke)."

"After awhile grass got good, horses fat and the main man and owner of the cattle came out, J. W. Lynch, who lived at Las Vegas, New Mexico. I knew him and he remembered me as he had stayed over night at my father's house in Alamogordo, 18 miles north of Fort Sumner."

"He told me about my folks, the first I had heard from them in 8 months and it seemed to me five years. I slipped off by myself that night and had a good cry for my Ma. My two brothers always called me Ma's boy and thought I could not do the things they did, but as I look back I realize I could and did out ride and out rope either of them."

"J. W. Lynch started the wagon out and started branding calves. He was short of men as several had gone out to other wagons to represent him. His outfit was called the A."

"When we were getting our horses issued to us, I heard Mr. Lynch tell Hugh Leaper, the boss, to give the kid the little ponies - as he was raised on a pony and can show you Big Boys things you never saw before, because he has put in 8 months with George Causey and Causey knows these plains as well as any Indian. Causey told me he kept the kid with him and he would bet he could tell the kid where was a certain lake and describe it so many miles north and to go over there and see if there was any water in it. He might be gone four or five days but he sure can tell you when he gets back."

"Those days there no trails or bushes, just grass and level country.

Now and then a big dry lake. To find water, the easiest way would be to watch the mustangs as they know the nearest watering places."

"I had carried a rope most of my life and had roped everything from a rabbit to a cow and horse and I was tops as a calf roper. I never was a rodeo man."

"We worked and branded calves until fall, I think it was November.

Anyway the freight wagons had made several trips back and forth from the railroad at Colorado City and Midland. I sent to town and got me some clothes and a real outfit it was in those days - a \$50.00 saddle, some good boots, a Stetson Hat and a \$40.00 six gun and a belt. Then I felt equal to any man and told them so. I still believe in being prepared so you can look the other fellow in the eye and tell him how the bore eat the cabbage."

"Now I want to say this—I don't think all men who were called cow and horse thieves were any such things. In some instances they just got even with the other outfit. I will try to explain it in my way of thinking and you can judge for yourself. It was all open range and cattle would drift in a storm or a dry spell, looking for water as there never was a cow or horse that starved for water on open range."

"It was 80 miles north to the brakes and on the Canadian river all in the north brakes was big outfits such as the 'L S, L I T, 101, O', and worlds of smaller outfits. Their cattle would come up on the plains in a rainy season, drift from one lake to another as the water would play out and some would be fifty to a hundred miles from the home range. The north men would send their men and wagon south to scout, get the cattle and bring them back to their ranches."

"Suppose it was the 101 wagon and ranch man on the Simeone in New Mexico. They would gather all cattle belonging north and in such drives they got everything — if us little men were not on the job our cattle went north. They didn't see them and of course it is customary that, if there is a yearling or anything without a brand, it is supposed to belong to the range it is on. There has been more trouble and killing over this than anything, as each outfit claimed too big a range."

"Say a man was working for the 101, and the cattle drift in from the north, stay there all summer. That winter those calves would be weaned and of course the A outfit would put their brand on them, knowing they were not theirs, in a way."

"A good cowboy would start him a brand of his own and just as soon as the 101 boss found this out he would fire him, but nine time out of ten this old boy would start on his own and usually there was hell to pay as it so proved."

"I was still just a kid, say 17 years old, when J. W. Lynch fired two men that had started a brand of their own. There was lots of stray cattle on our range and there would be a large number of unbranded stuff, so when he fired these two the other six quit. When he went to settle up with these they wouldn't take his check. They wanted the money and naturally he didn't have it. They wouldn't let him go to Las Vegas after it, nor wouldn't let him have the horses they had been riding. They chewed the rag for two or three days and it got worse. Finally he asked me what I was going to do and I told him when he was through with me I was going home. He asked me if I wasn't in with the other boys and I told him I had nothing to do with it and his check was alright with me, as I supposed he had fired me with the rest of them."

"He said, 'No, you are still working but the rest of them are not.'"

"The next morning Mr. Lynch told me he wanted me to go to Las Vegas and get the money so he could settle with the boys. Las Vegas was 200 miles northwest. The way I would have to go from our ranch to Fort Sumner was 90 miles from there to Las Vegas, 120 miles in those days. I had a good horse and ranches to stay every night. I stayed two nights and one day with my Ma and family on the Alamogordo and maybe you think my Ma was not glad to see her boy and I was so glad to see her and my two sisters. I had been gone two years and it seemed a lifetime."

"I got to Las Vegas on time and stayed two days. Mrs. Lynch fitted me out with real clothes. First was a silk suit of underwear, then a wide silk belt sewed to my clothes, then another suit of flannels, a good heavy over shirt, a pair of over-shoes, a sheep lined overcoat and some mittens."

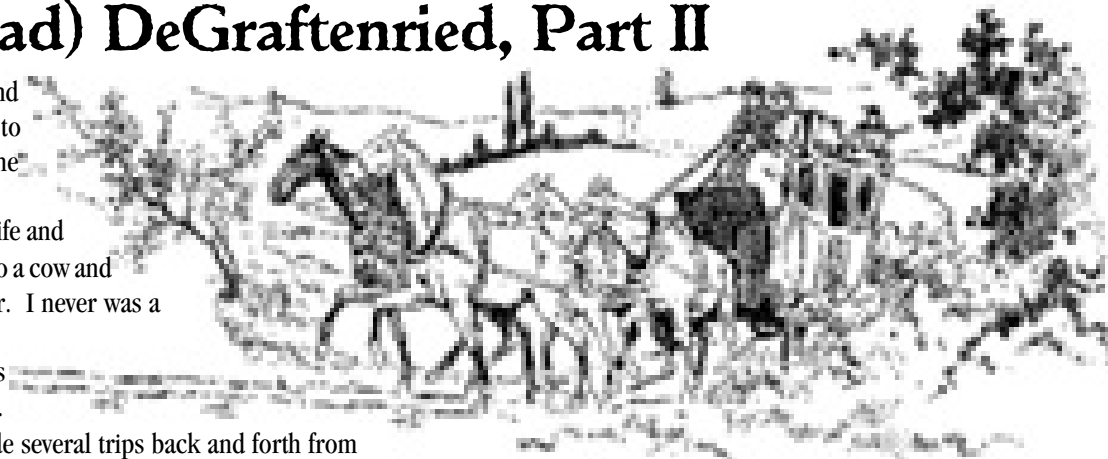
"Mrs. Lynch told me the best way to go back. I was to go north by the Bell Ranch, from there to a store they called Endee. I would go on top of the plains there and on to Spring Lake. No road, nothing but the level plains. Mrs. Lynch said this is the 11th of December and you are to be at Horse Lake the 16th and stay there until J. W. meets you. 'Do you know where Horse Lake is?'"

"I said, 'Yes, Horse Lake is 5 miles north of the ranch and it's 75 miles from Endee to the ranch and no road.'"

"She gave me several letters for J. W. and said, 'For God sake, be careful and be there on the 16th as it might mean his life.'"

"I told her not to be afraid as those old boys would not hurt him, they just want the horses and he can't afford to sell them."

"Everything went fine and I made



time alright. It snowed all day the 14th, but wasn't very cold. I got to Endee just at dark. Days are short in December."

"There was a man and woman at Endee named Curtis. I got well acquainted with them afterward. The Curtis woman got drowned when helping him with a bunch of cattle crossing the Canadian River when it was up. Curtis said she must have struck quick sand as both she and her horse drowned before he could save her. He got her out but she was dead. He never got the horse or saddle. Said the horse never did even come up as the sand covered him up. Old Curtis never did get over his wife's death. He was well fixed at one time in the cow business. He ranched on the Tiaban, east of Fort Sumner. He died in 1938 at Fort Sumner, broke and hating the world and everyone in it, as he had lost in a big way"

"Well, getting back to my story, I had a lunch fixed and lit out. The morning of the 15th was cold but clear. The sun was shining most of the day and I got my directions and headed straight southeast. Saw lots of cattle that had drifted south and as there was some snow they were doing fine."

"I didn't see any mustangs that day. I rode until dark, found a deep dry lake with quite a lot of bear grass stalks. I unsaddled my horse and staked him. He was tired and thirsty. He didn't know anything about eating snow. If he had been a cow pony he would have been all set as there was plenty just now and then a clear place. I prepared for the night by gathering lots of those stalks and made a little fire. Got me a good big snow ball and held it close to the fire and when it started to melt I got all the water I wanted to eat with my lunch."

"I fared much better than the horse as he had been used to a good warm stable and plenty of corn and oats. Just a lot of snow didn't suit him and he was just as nervous and shook all over. He would look and breathe hard. I would lead him off and as long as I would stand by him he would graze but the moment I would go to the saddle by the fire, he would come and stand just as close to me as he could."

"I wasn't to say cold, but not comfortable enough to sleep very much. After so long a time the old morning star came up and then I felt good

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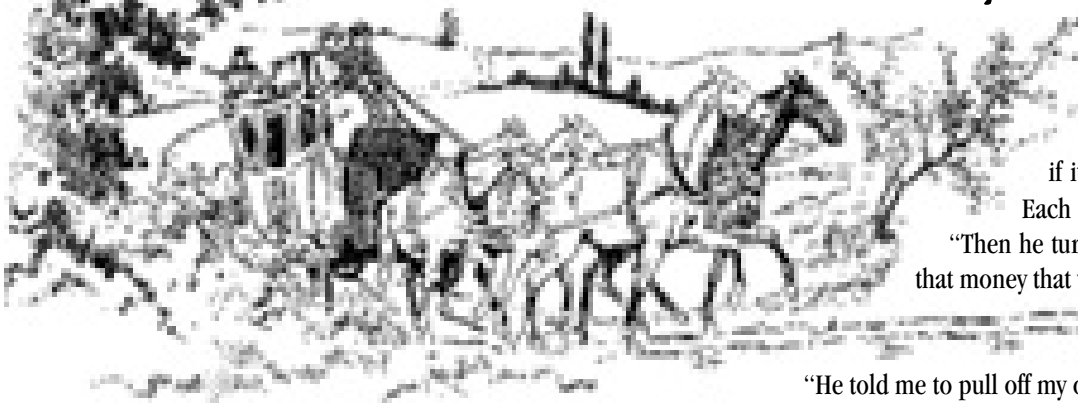
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cleaned off the table, J. W. told them he was ready to pay them off. He got his time book and had their time all ready figured out and asked every one if it was right as he read off their names. Each one said, 'yes'."

"Then he turned to me and said, 'Now you give me that money that you have.'"

"I said, 'If I've got any money, I don't know it.'"

as I knew I had my directions straight. I finished burning up the stalks, then saddled up as the horse seemed as anxious to get started as myself. I got my bearing and struck out. The sun came up clear and along about eleven o'clock, by the sun, I began to see mustangs and knew by that I was going toward water. Soon I came in sight of lakes I recognized and then I realized I was about 20 miles from the ranch."

"It was a great relief to know exactly where I was and I stopped and unsaddled. I was tired and sleepy so I found a clear spot and stretched out. I must of slept three hours and I think the horse did too, as he lay down."

"After getting a good sleep I got up and started out in a high lope. I soon struck the draw Horse Lake was on and I went down the draw until I came to the Lake. There was lots of water and quite a few cattle. They had broken the ice and I watered the horse. He sure was dry as he wasn't used to going without water for 48 hours like the range ponies."

"I rode down the draw until it turned east away from the ranch, then I could see the big white sand hills just north of the ranch. It was getting late and I couldn't see anyone. I waited about a half hour and I noticed my horse looking east and I saw someone, but from the wrong direction. I got on my horse and rode out of sight knowing I could outrun him, if it wasn't J. W."

"Later, he said he saw I was about to high tail it so he took off his coat and waved it in the right way, which was around and then down, and I then knew for sure it was J. W."

"The first thing he said was, 'You young coyote, you made it, how are you? How is my wife and Ruby?'"

"Ruby was his girl. I gave him the letters and as we rode along he read the one from his wife and began to laugh and said I guess all women are afraid."

"Well we fooled the boys alright. They were waiting and watching the road and had been for several hours. We rode on over to the ranch and the boys seemed glad to see me and the first thing they asked was which way did you come, how and when? I told them and they looked blank and said it was 80 or 90 miles to Endee and not a damn switch between here and there."

"Well, after good dark the last two boys came in and maybe you think their eyes didn't bug out when they say me. After supper and the dishes

"He told me to pull off my overshirt and we will see. Well, sir, that belt was full of bills: \$2, \$5, \$10 and \$20's to the amount of \$1250.00. I never saw so much money before in my life and neither had the other boys. He paid the boys and they all agreed that he didn't owe them a cent."

"Then he said, 'I'm telling you boys, this outfit belongs to me, horses and all and after breakfast, I want every damn one of you to leave here. I am now holding the winning hand and will play it to the limit. Up until now you had the winning hand but you played it out.'"

"Someone said, 'Hell, let's forget it, and have a good game of draw poker as the kid has brought decks of cards.' That started a poker game and about midnight I was broke and sleepy and went to bed. The next morning some of the boys was still in the game and some broke."

"Lynch and the Boys quarreled all day over a brand the boys had started. It was [A-?] and Lynch's brand was [A-?]. They had it up and down but didn't do anything. Lynch got ready to start home to Las Vegas and said he would be back as soon as he could and bring more men."

"He told me to ride every day and watch out and see if they brand or make [A-?] out of [A-?]. 'If so you put the [A-?] back on and what I do will be plenty. I will stay all night at Carter's tonight—get one of them to go to Fort Sumner and on if necessary. It is up to you until I get back, so do the best you can, good bye.' And he was gone."

"There was six men—four of them afoot. Harry Blocker had a horse and Comstock also. They both left going south to town. That left Tom Pridemore, Hugh Leaper, John Bull, Tom Ellis and Old Mike, the cook."

"Harry Blocker and Comstock had won most of the money, hence the hurry to get to town and away. The others stayed and played cards as it was about even with them."

"Hugh Leaper, the Boss, had started the [A-?] brand and these four men were to be partners in it and they had fallen out over the way things had gone."

"I sold Hugh Leaper my private horse for \$50.00 and he bought the [A-?] interest in the cattle, giving each \$15.00 and sold me the brand for \$60.00. They all signed the bill of sale, signed by Old Mike. I borrowed \$10.00 from Tom Pridemore and Hugh left for Fort Sumner. I never saw him any more, but I heard plenty as he wound up in Santa Fe."

"I loaned the other boys horses to ride with the promise they would send them back and in good shape and they did. Men's word was good

them days in such deals, but not so good now."

"Tom Pridemore was gone 10 or 15 days and came back."

"I got ahead on my story but I want to tell about the time just before Christmas—we had killed a fat yearling for beef. Three men were there and of course, Old Mike. We got after Mike to make a cake or pie as it was Christmas. He said how in the hell would you make a cake without sugar or milk, just sour dough is all we have. I got to prowling around the store room where the flour and stuff was kept and found 3 cans of tomatoes, 2 cans of corn and some prunes. Lots of beans, but no bacon. The cook in the buffalo camp put tallow in the beans and they were good so we did likewise and he had a fine Christmas dinner"

"Tom told me to get the bucket and he would saddle up his horse and rope that cow we killed the yearling of. Her bag was full of milk and I was right there with the bucket. He rode around loose and laid the rope on her and she was just as gentle as could be. I milked her and rubbed and patted her good. That night Tom walked out there a foot, pitched the rope on her and we put her in the lot with the horses and fed her corn and hay. She got so gentle she would come to the kitchen door and eat anything we would put out for her. She was a pretty little thing and we called her 'Punkins.' This is the first cow I ever stole. I will tell you how it was later"

"Old Mike, the cook, left just after Christmas. The freight wagon came by and had supplies for us -Flour, coffee, sugar, can corn and tomatoes, prunes, dried apples, matches, 10 Pounds of Bull-Durham and plenty of brown papers. But I believe I was out of the 3 boxes of 44 cartridges, as I only had 3 in my gun and I would not shoot them at anything."

"They had 1500 pounds of corn and a letter from J. W. to me telling me to feed the horses light, just so they would be in good shape in the spring as all the cattle had drifted south and he couldn't do anything with them until grass come, so we could work. He said he would be there in April sometime."

"Well, the cattle hadn't drifted as bad as we thought as we were feeding 10 head of saddle horses and they were good ponies and fat. Tom and myself got right on the job, and went south just as far as possible, and start the cattle back, and they would come on in to water as there was fine grass everywhere and big sand hills south and the cattle would stop in them out of the wind and then they would drift out as the sand would be too cold on their feet and they wouldn't lay [down?]. Snow stayed in the big sand hills all winter so cattle and mustangs ate snow and stayed fat."

Above is part 2 of 4 parts of a 1938 interview of Buster DeGraftenried, who was 73 in 1938. He was a cowboy and later a cowman all his life.

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How Haynes Canyon Got Its Name... Continued

Mexico so took up squatters rights on 165 acres of land in the area now called Haynes Canyon. The property he took possession of had one log cabin on it and this he exchanged from Mrs. Akers, who owned it, for the remaining 14 animals he had left after the snowfall which destroyed his herd. He started at once to prove up the land to get Homestead rights. Little did he realize at this time that his pioneering efforts of homesteading in this canyon would result in the canyon being referred to as "Haynes Canyon" by his neighbors. No legal claim was made for the naming of Haynes Canyon by James Haynes himself, but no objection was made to it either when neighbors and people of the community referred to this location as Haynes Canyon. The name was used for years in this way and, when the Forest Service drew up a map of the region, Haynes Canyon was accepted as the recognized name for this location. Today, Haynes Canyon is known as the longest canyon in this vicinity and is easily accessible by a good road with many attractive homes situated throughout the area.

On 30 April 1889 in Haynes Canyon, a healthy little girl named Mary was born to the Haynes family. She joined her two brothers who had been born in Texas, and the Haynes family eventually grew to number 5 girls and 3 boys. Today that little girl (Mary Haynes Carroll) and one other sister (now residing in California) are the only living members of the original Haynes family.

When the children were growing up in Haynes Canyon each child had a particular chore to do, and even a time limit in which to perform it. They had to work during the daylight hours when they could see. Night-time meant darkness as there were, of course, no electric lights, no gas lights, and not, at that time, even candle light. Rich pine wood, or pinyon wood (which was richer) was used for light and served as a torch to light a room. The use of coal oil in lamps for light was considered too dangerous to use in a log cabin because of the fire hazard and was not used in the Haynes home.

If the fire in the fireplace went out, there were no matches handy to start a fresh fire. Matches just weren't available at this time, so little Mary, who was about 3 years old and fleet of foot, ran to a neighbor's house to borrow some live coals. She took a short handle shovel with her, scooped up some live coals and then ran the 3/4 of a mile back to her home before the fire died out of the coals she was carrying. The light of the fireplace was used by Mary when she was asked to read aloud from an occasional newspaper received at the Post Office in Wooten Canyon, where they got their mail about twice a month. She read to members of her family as well as to the grown-up men and women of the neighborhood who came to listen to the news of the outside world. As she read the newspaper, the news was punctuated at times by the hissing of the fire when the tobacco spit by the men hit the logs. At that time, reading and writing were accomplishments known better by the younger set than by the old timers.

Mrs. Mary Carroll describes vividly how she remembers her father. "I never saw Papa without a gun. He carried a pistol with him always. Of course, this was due in part to the fact that he was Deputy for this part of the Territory and represented the law in these parts. It was his duty to investigate the complaints and charges made by neighbors and people in the vicinity over which he had jurisdiction and to help if he could. Our house served as a home as well as temporary jail for an occasional robber, or suspected criminal. In one room of our log cabin Papa had an iron chain attached to a log and he used to tie down the person he had to hold prisoner until he could take him to Las Cruces and turn him over to the custody of the Sheriff. The prisoner was chained in our house, fed and housed there until Papa took him away."

"If Papa went into the field to work in his vegetable patch he took the prisoner along with him and then returned with him at night where he was chained in the house until the next morning. On one occasion Papa

was lenient with a prisoner and this is what happened. While Papa was shoeing his horse one day, he released the prisoner from his chains and warned him to stay nearby until he had completed working with his horse. All was quiet for a time and only the rhythmic sound of Papa's hammer was heard when all of a sudden my brother yelled to Papa - 'Papa, grab your gun. He's coming at you.' Papa turned quickly just in time to keep the prisoner from grabbing his gun and holding him up. That night, the prisoner was chained down securely and was soon taken to Las Cruces to be turned over to the Sheriff. The usual crimes committed around here were stealing horses, cattle or robbery."

There must have been a certain excitement about living in the Haynes cabin because Mr. Haynes, as Deputy, was the first person to hear of any disturbance in the neighborhood and was the only representative of the law for miles around. The day Mr. Kimberlin drove up to the Haynes place in a great hurry and called to the Deputy to help him catch a thief was an example of a local robbery. Mr. Kimberlin, a farmer who lived nearby, was returning to his home after working in his field all day when he saw a strange man walking down the road dressed in clothes that looked exactly like his own Sunday Best Suit. He called out to the man to stop so he could check his clothes more closely, but the man took off and ran down the road. Mr. Kimberlin wanted the law on his side so rode over to Mr. Haynes and asked the Deputy to help him catch the thief. Together Mr. Kimberlin and the Deputy rode after the man in the stolen clothes and it was not long before they found him, identified the clothes and had him in custody.

Mr. Haynes was paid for his services as Deputy in the Territory (New Mexico was not a State until 1912) but supplemented his income by raising vegetables for the market and selling his produce in El Paso. His principal crop for market was cabbage, although he raised for his own use hay, potatoes, beans, onions and other vegetables. Mrs. Carroll recalls that "Papa had one of the finest teams of horses around here. He used his fine team to haul his produce to the El Paso market and each year he took three loads of cabbages to market. Papa would dispose of his produce in El Paso and get clothing, yard goods, flour and staples in exchange. Not much money changed hands in this transaction. It was mostly a system of barter. Papa was accompanied by a neighbor with his own team, or a relative who went along for company and protection. Enough food was taken along for the trip and camping out each night was the usual way the journey was made. There were no well defined roads on this journey to El Paso and the route generally used passed the area of Alamogordo (not yet established as a town, as this was before the railroad was built) and thence in the direction of Las Cruces and from there to El Paso." The length of the trip depended upon weather conditions, traveler's sense of direction and the proper handling of any contingency which might arise. Usually it took from 8 to 10 days for the journey of 100 miles from Haynes Canyon to El Paso.

As a little girl, Mrs. Carrol lived in Haynes Canyon before Cloudcroft was developed, before the railroad was started and when travel was very difficult. Her Mother was expected to combine all the talents found in a

doctor, nurse, dressmaker, cook, devoted wife and mother in order to maintain a happy and contented home life for the family. Without a sewing machine, Mrs. Haynes made all the clothes worn by her family and served as nurse and doctor when necessity arose, as no resident doctor lived in this area.

Wildlife was plentiful in Haynes Canyon and the mountain area, so meat for the table sometimes included deer shot by one of the Haynes boys or supplied by the neighbors, who shared the meat from their hunt with their friends. Tall tales of what hunters saw in the forest were stories that children grew up with, but personal experience was the thing that made these stories real for an individual. Mrs. Carroll recalls how she experienced this feeling on one occasion. She had recently become a widow, losing her first husband, Henry Cox, in a mine accident in the Courtney Mines nearby, and she was feeling depressed and despondent. With one small child to care for and no definite plans mapped out as yet, she wanted to vent her feeling of frustration by crying out her sorrow in a loud scream. Selecting a time when she thought no member of the family would hear her, she stepped outside and screamed her anguish into the dark night shadows, thinking her cry would fade away and perhaps her anguish with it. Imagine her surprise when she heard an answer to her message: a high, piercing scream, as full of anguish as her own! She was not alone — that was a panther out there in the darkness. What had she said to that panther? Was it a sympathetic reply she had heard, or was she being threatened? She slipped back into the house and realized keenly that outside panthers, bears, and other wildlife roamed the woods around Haynes Canyon.

The "Little Old School House" in Haynes Canyon served many purposes. Religious services were held here when the traveling parson arrived on his monthly visit around his circuit and community meetings and Christmas parties were also celebrated here. During the school year from 15 to 25 children from neighboring areas assembled and studied together in the one-room building.

After living for 17 years in Haynes Canyon, Mr. James Haynes moved to Tularosa and remained there for a period of years and then returned to Haynes Canyon buying back his property on two occasions, but serving all the while as Deputy for the Territory and, subsequently, for the State of New Mexico. While serving as Deputy he was killed in line of duty when he was called upon to apprehend a young boy on horseback who was disturbing the peace in Tularosa. Mr. Haynes was fatally injured when he was struck and thrown to the ground by the charging horse of the culprit he was trying to apprehend. At 72 years of age, James Haynes did not recover from this accident.

Today on Highway 82 the modest sign of "Haynes Canyon" recalls a pioneer type of homesteading replete with hard work, useful purpose and a warm family life. As we drive by, we can understand how Haynes Canyon got its name and remember with admiration the family who put it on the map.

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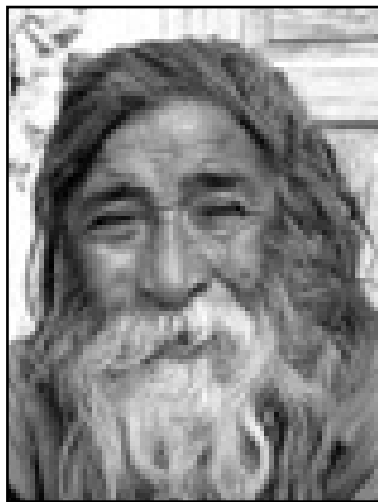
The Sierra Club Sentences a Tiny Mexican Village to Poverty

by J. Zane Walley, Paragon

The poverty in Boquillas Del Carmen, Coahuila, Mexico is preposterous even for Mexico. The destitution is so abject that it is agonizing to witness. Young mothers, old women and children dressed in rags have meager sales stalls made of river-cane, or stand unprotected in the blazing Chihuahuan desert sun, offering rocks and fossils for sale that they have gleaned from the wastelands surrounding their tiny village. A relatively new item offered at the stands are scorpions made of twisted copper or aluminum electrical wire.

There is only one way into Boquillas. By a homemade boat that ferries tourists from Big Bend National Park across the muddy waters of the Rio Grande. Once in Mexico the visitor can hike into the village or rent a burro, mule or pickup truck for a short ride up the chalk-dusty and littered trail.

Boquillas citizens did not move to the edge of Big Bend National Park to reap tourist riches. Expansion of the Mexican mining frontier in 1580 necessitated Indian labor. Writer J. Charles Kelley noted in "The Historic Indian Pueblos of La Junta de los Rios," that since the time of Cabeza de Vaca, Spaniards were aware of the large settlements of sedentary Indians living along the Rio Grande. Not surprisingly, mine owners viewed these domesticated Indians as a source of slave labor.



This Boquillan don't talk about electricity much anymore. He goes his hobbled way, sleeping outside on hot summer nights, drinking lukewarm beer during the day, and occasionally cracking a few bitter jokes about falcons.

The 1883 mining activities in the Sierra del Carmen led to the formal settlement of Boquillas. Locals worked with the Puerto Rico Mining Company to move large quantities of lead, zinc and silver ore to the railroad in Marathon, Texas. They profited as independent freighters, hauling ore, supplies, water, wood, mail and passengers to and from the mining towns.

After most of the mines in the Boquillas area closed in 1919, subsistence farming along the river flood-plain became the major activity. The ability of Boquillians to practice agriculture began to falter in 1944 when the area was designated as Big Bend National Park and they were gradually restricted to less than half the land that they had previously tilled. Bit by bit, the tiny community was forced to base its economy on an increasing flow of American and international tourists. Today, the village's survival is wholly dependent upon Big Bend National Park's tourist trade.

Boquillas is an *ejido*, a federal commons where all the land is owned by the Mexican government. It is far too remote to be serviced by the Mexican government and cannot furnish tourists with the expected creature comforts, because there is no electricity and thus, no running water.

The Park Bar and Restaurante Falcón offer soft drinks and beer slightly cooled in aging Servel propane refrigerators. A few solar panels dot the occasional roof and provide enough power to operate dim light bulbs. The nearest hospital, bank, schools and stores in Mexico are in Múzquiz, a Herculean 141 mile journey, much of it unimproved dirt road across the steep Sierra del Carmen.

José Falcón, proprietor of Restaurante Falcón and the unofficial Mayor of Boquillas remembers that once his town had a future. "In 1988 the governor of Coahuila persuaded Señor Clements (the then-governor of Texas) to bring electric across the Rio Grande to Boquillas. It looked certain, so each family in our village dug deep into their pockets for money to pay the Mexican government to install power poles from the river to the town and for an electrician to install outlets in our homes."

Falcón pauses and looks across the Rio Grande before continuing. "With electricity we could have built nice hotels and restaurants for the Big Bend tourists. We could have had running water, and schools and a future for our children. But now all that is dead because of a bird. The Sierra Club said they feared that drawing power lines across the river and into Boquillas might bother the falcons. Somehow they persuaded the electric company in Texas to drop their plans to bring the electricity into our village."

José's face becomes hard when he says, "This is our home. Our fathers and their fathers before them lived here. Are we to leave...to where? For a bird, they deny our children a future! Sierra Club! What kind of people are these? They have destroyed all our hopes. Why do they do this? *"Porque pueden?"* (Because they can?) All we have to show for our future are scorpions made of twisted wire."

Writer's note:

The 46 families in Boquillas are also beleaguered by the designation of their home as a International Park and a wolf release area. On November 7, 1994, President Carlos Salinas de Gotari of Mexico issued a decree that the Chihuahuan Desert region be a Protected Natural Area. Boquillians note that there is increasing pressure to halt their sole livelihood, the meager harvest of stones and fossils. Their future is uncertain.



A Boquillas villager faces a grim future. Her only income is from selling rocks and fossils for gleaned from the wastelands surrounding her tiny village. A relatively new item offered at her stand are the scorpions made of twisted copper or aluminum electric wire that dangle over her head.

Open Letter to Gail Norton, Lynn Scarlett and Kathleen Clark of the US Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management

When Bruce Babbitt was Secretary of Interior, the following actions took place:

The New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC) was set up by Mr. Babbitt to develop an Environmental Impact Survey (EIS) for New Mexico. After many months of intensive effort, an EIS was developed by the RAC that included an observance of the human dimension and socio-economic impacts of actions taken by the BLM as provided for in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Secretary Babbitt struck this section at the last minute of his tenure before leaving office. The districts, the state director of BLM and the national director of BLM all signed this document. The office of the governor of New Mexico also approved the entire document. It is unpardonable that Gail Norton has not included the provision that mandates taking into account the human presence as mandated by NEPA.

During his time in office, Secretary Babbitt also changed the district offices to field offices in trying to keep all decisions at the national level, as far away from local interests as possible. Compounding this removal of state, county, and local population's input into management decisions, the Secretary also discontinued the District Grazing Advisory Boards that are provided by statute. The grazing district designation was also set up by statute. These were covered in the Taylor Grazing Act of 1934. The Grazing Boards were given additional statutory status in Section 8 of the Public Rangeland Improvement Act of 1978.

Our present Secretary of Interior, Gail Norton, has ample justification for rectifying this miscarriage of justice. The election of 2000 should send a message to the administration about where the support came from that resulted in George W. Bush becoming President of the United States.

Rural populations and small towns in the United States have not only been ignored by the Congress, but have been the victims of legislation that is geared to their destruction. Almost all of our congressional delegations, across the breadth of the United States, have been guilty of contributing to this disgraceful state of affairs.

The successes of major liberal foundation's grants to attack groups of extremist environmental persuasion have decimated those historic and cultural values that created this great nation. The American people, and their politicians, had better wake up before America, as we know it, becomes a thing of the past. The attacks on us have international roots also.

Stupid and poorly drafted laws like the Endangered Species Act are prime vehicles for the un-American and radically unfair attacks of rural America by detestable organizations and sometimes endorsed by congressional action and judicial decisions.

Gail Norton, please rectify some of these terrible actions taken by the previous administration. We are at your mercy. Lawsuits filed on statutory non-compliance are probable.



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USDA "Clean" List Potential Loss of Freedom to Gardeners

from Patricia Maas, Earthwalker Farm in Moriarty

I am a small farmer from Moriarty. For the last few days I've been stompin' mad and trying to figure out exactly what I could do to help stop a serious intrusion on my ability to sell, trade or give my crops to customers, food banks, neighbors or my many friends in and out of the US of A.

What brought all this on? After reading Rense.com and finding what was reported not only true, but absolutely horrific in nature, action needed to be taken. What is this horrible beast that must be slain? It is the USDA's Action Plan "Clean List" legislation.

"Hmm," you say, "what does this have to do with me?" Everything, and I do mean everything, not on the government's approved list will be banned.

Penalties start at \$1000 for home gardeners and up to \$250,000 for nurseries. All this has been stuffed into the Noxious Weeds Program which includes a "clean" list or "white" list proposal. They are now going beyond the clean list and are heading for ALL seeds and plants moving interstate.

This legislation will effectively shutdown all Seed Saving exchanges and organizations. Can't tell you just how important the works those folks do is. But you can thank them for the diverse veggies, fruits and herbs you see at the Farmer's Markets or even your own garden. The sad thing will be all the permits, licenses and hoops (inspections) that home seed savers will have to go through to be legal. Of course, the same will apply to an already regulated nursery industry.

Now I can't tell you how your Aunt Minnie is going to feel about being told she cannot give you that rose start you would pull eye teeth for because she doesn't have the required permits. Or how you will feel when you find your favorite small heirloom seed company was forced out of business because they just couldn't meet all the requirements. Or how you will feel when you can't buy that unusual variety of orchid off Ebay.com, but I can tell you one thing. This farmer is going to go do all she can in stopping this intrusion into my freedom to support my family in an economical and healthy way

You see, I happen to like growing good food. I love bringing my customers flavorful and brimming with freshness veggies and fruits. I love seeing the look of absolute delight on a child's face that has never tasted lemon grass or chocolate mint. It's even better when that same look comes from an adult biting into a juicy lip smacking tomato, like those they had when a kid. I love farming.

So here is what you can do. Contact Alan.V.Tasker@usda.gov and state that you are opposed to the "clean list and any permit or inspection requirements for the interstate movement of seeds and plants. State that the Draft Action Plan for the Noxious Weeds Program is unacceptable and must be halted, additional time for public comment allowed, and no new restrictions on the free flow of any seeds and plants that are not listed noxious plants be put in place. Send four (4) copies of your comments to: Docket No. 01-034-1 Regulatory Analysis and Development PPD, APHIS Suite 3C034700 River Road, Unit 118 Riverdale, MD 20737-1238. This is necessary so that your E-mails won't simply be deleted.

Let's see if we can stop this now and for good.

Open Letter to Brian Kelly USFWS Wolf Program

Dear Brian,

I must say I am not impressed. I have seen more sugar coating and complete fabrications from your department in the past few weeks than I have in the past 4 years altogether.

To tell the media that the wolves on the Adobe were simply eating dead cattle was a lie. You know it, I know it, Mr Viena and Gene Whetten know it. So does Jinx Pyle as he was their victim last year. I was hoping for better from you and your staff after all those promises. I am also finding some of your livestock depredation investigations are showing what I believe to be fraudulent information. Perhaps we should discuss that someday soon.

The counties have put together a plan that the task force you promised us so long ago and reneged on, could have and should have done. You will see the criteria for release sites they have come up with in the next month or so.

If FWS can't deal with that, I imagine we stakeholders will have to go to different lengths to get our needs across. It would be nice to trust FWS, but it seems we cannot and nothing that has happened lately has given me any confidence or made me feel better about our treatment at the hands of FWS.

It is truly sickening for me to see the baloney published day after day in the big city papers and know that my kids dreams, my neighbors dreams and hopes are not even considered in your process. It seems only the self serving hopes and dreams of FWS employees, especially Colleen Buchanan matter to FWS.

Colleen seems to be a nice enough lady, however, her hopes and dreams aren't putting bread on the tables of the people that live with these animals or repairing the tax bases of the counties affected by this and other Endangered species projects.

These communities are poverty stricken and the jobs are going with every environmental and Endangered Species initiative that comes down the pike. Your wolves and your recovery plan are putting people out of business and you aren't telling the truth about it. Our children deserve a future and we will fight for it if we must. It is a disgusting shame that FWS place more value on the destruction of our reputations, livelihoods and futures than they do a fair and equitable recovery plan.

I believe we have long shown a good faith effort to work with FWS and we have been undermined, lied to, and lied about at every turn. Your department is making enemies, perhaps we aren't powerful enemies, but the truth is coming out and I fail to see how it will make your job or mine any easier in the future. You need to fix this situation.

As you can see, I am angry and am getting angrier by the day. I am not the sort of person that appreciates being ignored or manipulated. Especially after I put so much effort into making my people understand that this is happening and their cooperation and help is so necessary. Now I feel I must defend them against the enemy, and the enemy is you and the FWS. I resent being put in that position.

My advice to you is to stop allowing your wolves to succeed on the backs of my neighbors. Stop putting them on the defensive and help them when they request it. I cannot believe you forced Gene Whetten to prove to FWS lawyers that his boss wanted those wolves removed from deeded land. Calling someone like Gene Whetten, who's integrity is without question, a liar, does not help your program.

Stop allowing your staff to sugar coat their problems to the media - they are real problems, and putting out self serving information is making people angry.

Ignore this letter if you like, but please know I am out here and I am doing what I can to make this situation better for the people who have to live with it. You could, and should, be helping me. The FWS and the wolf project are bad neighbors and you need to fix that or this project is doomed.

Sincerely,
Laura Schneberger
President Gila Forest Permittee Association

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Burro Street Point of View

by Don Vanlandingham, Editor: www.CLOUDCROFT.com

I don't like to complain. I know people are more likely to enjoy being around me when I wear a big smile and say positive things

He seemed puzzled. He walked over to the phone hanging on the pole and hit a button.

BEEEEEP!!! BUDDY TO PLUMBING! BUDDY TO PLUMBING! It was louder than a Van Halen concert. If Buddy didn't hear that, he was out of state. The guy that made the page escaped when my back was turned, so I stood there waiting for Buddy.

There was a guy all the way down the isle wearing a store smock talking to an attractive girl who also wore a store smock. I couldn't hear them, but from their body language I bet they weren't talking about hex-head screw drivers. I didn't know the girl's name but I was willing to bet next month's pickup payment the guy's name was Buddy.

"Scuse me," I yelled. "I need a little help over here." The guy looked in my direction. I had irritated him. That's all right. He had irritated me.

I knew I wasn't going to walk out of this store with new replacement faucet handles, but I was determined to see it through to the bitter end.

He took his time as he walked my way. "May I help you?" he asked, not really meaning it.

"I need replacement faucet handles. Is this all you have?" He seemed insulted.

"New shipment coming in tomorrow," he said. I'd heard THAT before.

"I'll wait," I said. He looked confused for a second and then he broke into a dumb grin and kinda laughed and said, "You're kiddin', right?"

Somewhere this guy had parents that were thanking their lucky stars their son had a job and prayed he would be able to keep it.

Three more stores. Same results with slightly varying excuses (one guy said "don't have any but we're running a special on drill bits". You have to admire his creativity. Real manager material.)

I ended up in Wal-Mart. In their plumbing department they have lots of "one size fits all" stuff. I found exactly the replacement faucet handles I wanted.

Now there are a lot of you that don't like Wal-Mart. Too big, you say. Eating up all the little businesses, you say. All I know is, they usually have what I'm looking for. Now... if they would just start selling two-by-fours.

From the Museum

by Pat Rand

The time is getting close for the 25th Annual Old Timers Reunion, which will be held in the Cloudfcroft Middle School Commons Area on Saturday May 11th, beginning at noon. Three exceptional people who have reached 84 years of age and have spent a good part of their lives in the Sacramento Mountains area will be honored this year. John Andrew Buie, who will be celebrating his 92nd birthday on the day he is honored, is the oldest of the three honorees. Two beautiful ladies will also be honored. Carrie Belle Bonnell Green, who will celebrate her 85th birthday on June 16th, and Ruby Alma Williams Morgan, who will celebrate her 88th birthday on July 2nd, are the other two honorees.

Charles Walker, who has done an excellent job as the master of ceremonies for these affairs in the past, will take on the task again this year. June Batte and the Country Five will provide the music again, and we expect the honorees to show off their dancing skills to those present. Plaques will be presented to each "Old Timer," and their biographies will be read. Letters of congratulations from our various elected officials will also be presented to each honoree.

This will be a covered dish affair with the Otero Cowbells preparing and serving fine barbecue and pinto beans. Those attending will be expected to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to be shared with the others. Everyone is invited to attend, not just members of the Historical Society.

This is your chance to bone up on the events that took place in the Sacramento Mountains many years ago, and also to join in the fellowship as these three "Old Timers" are honored.

Now that the weather has warmed up, more visitors are coming to the Museum. In March, which is our latest count, there were 193 visitors from fourteen states and nine foreign countries, including two from Wales, which is a first, bringing the number of foreign countries supplying visitors up to a total of 36. We are always pleased and surprised by the variety of locations that are represented by people who tour the Museum. As we get into the summer months, this should increase considerably.

We are still waiting for a final resolution of the

Museum's break-in back in December. The wheels of justice apparently move slowly, as the final hearings for the three young men who committed the act have not yet been held. Until these occur, the police are continuing to hold the materials that were taken for use as evidence. At least we know they are safe, and will be returned when they are no longer needed by the authorities.

Following the Old Timers Reunion, the next event for the Historical Society will be the Annual Meeting, which will be held on Sunday, July 14th, at 2pm in the Cloudfcroft Middle School Commons Area. Ballots will be mailed soon to elect the officers and directors for the year beginning this July 1st, and the results of the balloting will be announced at the meeting. Also, awards will be presented to the volunteers who are of such a great help in keeping the Museum operating throughout the year.

On Sunday, October 13th, at 2pm, there will be a celebration of the 25th anniversary of both the Historical Society and the Museum. There will be a formal recognition of the founders of the organization and also the people who have served as officers and board members throughout the years since the founding. We hope that everyone, members and non-members alike, will help us celebrate this milestone. There will be more information on this event in later issues of the paper.

The Museum can always use more volunteers to help with buildings and grounds maintenance, displays, archival research, tours, and computerization of our inventories. Almost anything you might like to do would be helpful.

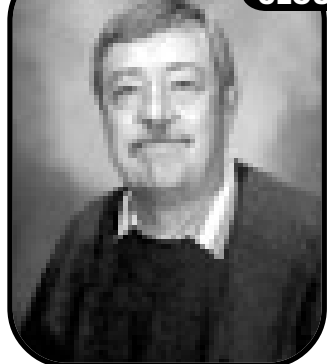
Membership in the Historical Society is \$12.50 per person or \$25 for a family or business. Admittance to the Museum is free to all members, so there is an advantage to membership. Also, the membership fee helps defray the cost of operating the Museum.

The Museum is open to visitors on Monday, Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday, from 10am to 4pm, and on Sunday from 1pm to 4pm. It is closed on Wednesday and Thursday. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$.50 for children. Come visit us and see the changes that have been made to the displays.

If you should have any questions, comments, or suggestions about the Museum or the Historical Society please call us at (505) 682-2932, or write to us at P.O. Box 435, Cloudfcroft, NM 88317.

Enchanted Quilt Show (Alamogordo)

Saturday Oct. 5, 9am-5pm and Sunday Oct. 6, 10am-4pm, at the Otero County Fairgrounds, White Sands Blvd. and Fairgrounds Rd., Alamogordo, NM. We will have quilts, demonstrations, door prizes, a gift boutique and vendor mall. There will also be a special display of quilts and wearable art inspired by the Southwest by J. Michele Watts of Roswell, NM. Admission is \$2.00 per person. For more info email philnjoy@zianet.com or call Joyce Jenkins at 505-443-0507 or Melissa McIntire at 505-437-6488.



end-on-end, but sometimes there is no getting around being grumpy.

I just got back from Alamogordo...a town where no matter what it is your looking for, they don't have it. This is the honest truth; I went into a lumber yard in Alamo one day last year and asked for a half dozen two-by-fours. They said they were fresh out. A lumber yard out of two-by-fours? Isn't that a little like KFC being out of chicken?

Today I was searching for new faucet handles for the shower. The old ones turned the water on and off just fine, but they were those plastic crystal looking numbers that look real spiffy when they're brand new and look junky two weeks later.

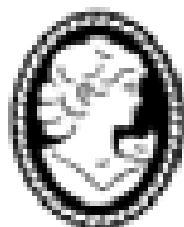
Because things are always breaking around here, I'm in and out of the hardware stores and building supply shops regularly. I could swear every one of those places had a whole wall full of replacement faucet handles last week. I know because I walked by them going to other parts of the store to get something they were out of.

Today, though, since I was specifically interested in replacement faucet handles... every place I entered had replaced their giant wall display with three or four pathetic little bubble packs containing replacement faucets that were either the wrong size or were already uglier than my old ones.

Sometimes I'm in the store just to look. On those occasions I am asked if I need assistance every thirty seconds. When I actually need help, everyone is on smoke break.

I asked the guy I snuck up on and tackled (I know it's "sneaked" but I like "snuck" better), "what happened to all the replacement faucet handles that were on that wall last week?" He looked at the wall.

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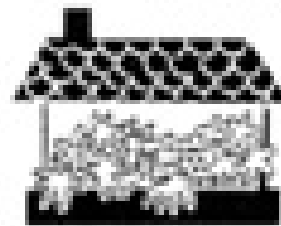
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Volunteer Fire Department

by Shirley Enyeart

The hummingbirds are back! Dandelions are popping up! Spring must be here. The warmer nights are very much appreciated. However, moisture is still badly needed. Please read the following list of do's and don'ts prepared by our compatriots at the High Rolls Fire Department. It is up to each of us to prepare ourselves and our property.

Our EMS responded to just one call last month. We're glad to see everyone remaining in good health. Timberon Volunteer Fire Department (TVFD) is in the

process of putting a bid out for a new Class A pumper. The State Fire Marshall's inspection of our department was successful. They felt we had a well-run and equipped facility. Muchos gracias to all who worked so hard getting it ready.

As a public service, a program is being sponsored by the TVFD to contact shut-ins on a regular basis to check on them. For details, call **Sue Haisley** at 987-2378.

SURVIVING A FOREST FIRE

Things That You Can Do To Protect A Home

- Roads and driveways should be wide enough and not too steep for all local fire department vehicles, 16-ft width recommended, grades less than 12%. Cul-de-sacs with minimum turn-around radius of 60-ft.
- Remove all combustibles within 10-feet of your home. (Wood piles, wood scraps, fallen trees, limbs, leaves, dry grass, etc.)
- When conducting "control burns", have at least a 10-ft cleared area around the burn pile. Call the fire control agency (Sheriff's Office in Otero County) and verify that burning is allowed. Have a shovel, rake, and a water source available. Consider calling the local volunteer fire department for a standby fire truck.
- Locate water for firefighting. Use water hoses of at least 5/8-inch diameter, preferably 3/4-inch. Multiple lengths of 50-foot each. Place hoses to reach to all sides of buildings and all parts of the roof. Buy rubber hoses instead of plastic. These rubber hoses may be drained in winter, yet coiled and ready to be charged from a freeze proof faucet. Install adjustable nozzles. Connect the hoses to water outlets for immediate use!
- If your home is on a water pressure pump system, set the minimum pressure at 40-45-PSI.
- Install a fine metal screen over attic vents and louvers to prevent burning fire brands from entering the attic.
- Have an adequate spark arrestor on your fireplace chimney, mesh openings not greater than 1/2-inch. Keep chimney free of soot.
- Don't stack firewood under or on porches, or next to your house. Place in a metal woodshed away from the house.
- All open under-floor and over-hanging floor or deck area should be either enclosed to prevent embers from blowing under, or kept free of all flammable material. Spread crushed gravel under decks. Mobile homes must be skirted.
- Build and maintain a fuel break at east 30-ft wide around all structures.
- Locate fire extinguishers at entryways to buildings. Use pressurized water units, CO2, or dry chemical extinguishers. Have at least one 5-lb (a 15-lb is better) ABC class fire extinguisher in the home. Buy units with pressure gauges, inspect annually.
- Remove all leaves and pine/pinyon needles from roofs

and rain gutters; check weekly. Rake the leaves and pine needles away from all structures. Sack the material and discard.

- On clay tile roofs, remove debris from under the tiles.
- Remove dead limbs from any trees adjacent to or overhanging the house or buildings. Remove overhanging branches from combustible roofs.
- Trim all tree trunks of branches up to the 10-ft level, 15-ft is better. Remove dense fuels that burn rapidly. Cut small trees and brush. Leave only the widely spaced larger trees. Create a "green belt" or rock garden around the house
- Beyond 100 feet from structures, remove dead wood, thin or remove older trees.
- Post and maintain your rural address number so the fire department can easily find you, if required.
- Have a non-plastic tarp available to cover a loaded pickup bed.
- Have animal cages ready for dogs and cats, one animal per cage only.
- Update your insurance contents inventory. Use computer inventory software to record all possessions. Make a video recording of your possessions; open all drawers, closets, toolboxes, storage, etc. Submit copies or originals to your insurance agent.
- Pack off-season coats and in-season clothes into suitcases. Have ready for evacuation.
- Prepare a list of valuables, medicines, prescriptions, clothing, picture albums, family bibles, birth certificates, credit cards, cash, etc... which should be taken if evacuation is required. Use easily removable containers, such as briefcases attaché cases.
- Replace any aerial fuel tanks with underground fuel storage tanks.
- Make a list with diagrams on any sink holes, mine shafts, power generators, septic tanks, or low hanging wires. Also, location of flammable materials (paints, gasoline, solvents), hazardous materials (chlorine, pesticides, chemical fertilizers). Post on front door.
- Remove wildland fuels, weeds, trash, anything burnable next to propane tanks.
- Plant fire resistive plants and shrubs around the house.
- Keep tree limbs clear from electrical power lines. Remove vines from the exterior walls of your home.

PREPARING FOR EVACUATION

- Back all vehicles into driveway or into garage! Roll up windows, keys in ignition, unlocked. Close garage door, but leave it unlocked. Place valuable papers and momentos in the car. This enables a speedy exit.
- Evacuate all people who cannot take an active roll in saving homes.
- Close all doors inside structures! Close all heavy flame-retardant drapes; remove all lightweight curtains and flammable drapes.
- Cover or close all doors, windows, vents, etc... Eliminate all openings where fire could enter the structure.
- Shut off the gas at the propane tank; do not cover tank. Keep the electricity on.
- Ladder structures if possible, preferably where firefighters can see and use them. Place rakes, brooms, hoses in plain view where firefighters can use if necessary; also hammer, nails, and plywood sheets.
- Wet down roof structures and up to 6-feet out from structures, if time permits! But, 50-80 MPH winds dry materials quickly.
- Place aluminum foil on inside of all windows, this reflects heat away from drapes, etc.!!
- Disconnect remote garage door opening system so that the door can be open manually. Don't lock garage, shops, or the house (this allows structure firefighters to check interior if fire has started on outside). Leave porch light on. All lights inside off.
- Move your small propane tanks, BBQ grills, other pressurized containers to an open area away from flammable

- structures.
- Move overstuffed furniture (couches, easy chairs, etc.) to the center of room.
- Inside, fill bathtubs, sinks, and other containers with water. Outside, do the same with garbage cans and buckets.
- Soak rags, towels, or small rugs with water to use in beating out embers or small fires. Keep shovels handy or in vehicles.
- Cage your animals, place in vehicles. If horses, cattle, and sheep cannot be loaded for transport, set free.
- Tape a memo to the front door giving your name and phone number where you can be reached after evacuation. Also, tape the list from item #25 above to the front door. Note any not so obvious water sources such as hidden water faucets, ponds, springs, running water, and neighboring swimming pools immediately available to fire authorities.
- Wear only cotton or wool clothes, these will not melt from fire. Proper attire includes long pants, long sleeved shirt or jacket, and boots. Carry gloves, a handkerchief to cover face, water to drink, and goggles. Have one change of clothes, footwear.
- Evacuate in a timely manner when advised by the proper authorities. Keep the road system clear for emergency vehicles
- Have important phone numbers of friends and family. Plan a meeting place if family gets separated during an emergency.
- Prepare first aid kits and medical prescriptions. Have a blanket or sleeping bag for each person.

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Family & Community Education Club

by Carole Fenberg

MAYHILL

On another perfect day in the mountains, the Mayhill Family and Community Education Club meeting was called to order at 10am on Wednesday, April 10th. We welcomed guests **Dora Lee** and **Linda Perkins**. Linda became a new member.

On Monday, April 8th, we hosted the bi-monthly council meeting in Mayhill. The spring decorations were done by **Audrey Corona**, **Patty Posey**, **Jo Hicks** and **Mary Helen Foley**. The attendance was even better than expected. Many from Alamogordo and La Luz attended.

We were all saddened to hear that **Sallie Johnson's** husband, **Earl**, was seriously ill. We wish them well and they are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Cultural Arts event was very successful, especially the demonstration tables. Mayhill had two tables with **Audrey Corona**, **Waneta Snyder** and **Sallie Johnson** instructing. **Edith Posey** won "Best of Show" for her quilt "A Winning Hand." In addition, she won "Best of Lot" for her quilt and for a crocheted tablecloth. **Carol Fenberg** won "Best of Lot" for a stuffed teddy bear and a patriotic star-shaped folded fabric covered box. Many other Mayhill members won blue ribbons for their entries.

We voted to do highway cleanup in Mayhill on Wednesday, April 17th, weather permitting. This is a semi-annual event. It covers over two miles. Many members volunteered.

May will be another busy month for our members. On **Saturday, May 4th** at 11am we will participate in the county scholarship fund raiser "**Spuds and Duds**." It will be held at the Women's Club in Alamogordo. Tickets are available at the door for \$6. This is a fashion show and luncheon, and a lot of fun. Fashions are provided by Gypsy's Wagon, Artisan's Alley, JC Penney and Peach Tree Boutique. Handmade items will also be raffled. For one dollar you have a chance to win one of fifteen handmade items. Or you could win a living door prize decoration just for attending.

The baby blankets our members made will be

presented to the hospital on May 13th by **Edith Posey**. **Mary Helen Foley**, our Quilt Chairman, announced that our handmade quilt is on display at the convenience store in Mayhill. Tickets can be purchased there or from any FCE member. During the **Mayfair in Cloudcroft**, on **Saturday May 25th** and **Sunday May 26th**, this beautiful quilt will be on display. We will be selling tickets at our booth.

All through the meeting the wonderful aroma of lasagna drifted through the room. **Edna Wood** and **Edith Posey**, our hostesses, baked two delicious lasagnas and garlic bread. Members brought salads, side dishes and tempting desserts to complete our pot luck lunch.

Marisa Guaderrama presented the program on Mary Kay facial-makeovers. We had fun laughing at our two volunteers, our guests **Dora Lee** and **Linda Perkins**, when they put on the facial masks. But we all thought they looked great when they finished applying their makeup. Marisa gave us a lot of useful information for taking better care of our skin.

Next month's meeting on Wednesday, May 8th has **two big changes in time and place**. The meeting will start at **9am at Camp Chimney Springs**. We will start early because **Lucille Wilson** will be teaching us to make a basket at the end of the meeting. The cost of the kit is \$12.

Guests and new members are always welcome. If you have a question call **Patty Posey**, President, at **505-687-2003**.



For \$1 you could win this beautiful quilt. The pattern is a color-washed Irish Chain in purples and green. The quilt makers pictured from far left to right are **Audrey Corona**, **Patty Posey**, **Virginia Reed**, **Edith Posey**, **Sallie Johnson** and **Mary Helen Foley**. Not pictured are **Waneta Snyder**, **Edna Wood** and **Dena Waldan**.

Cottonwood Festival in Alamogordo

A Juried Arts Show and Performing Arts Festival will be held Labor Day weekend at the Alameda Park Zoo in Alamogordo, NM. The event is open to all individual fine artists in all types of media.

Public viewing and sales will be held Saturday, Sunday and Monday for a minimum donation of \$1. Music, entertainment and fun art projects for children will be provided throughout the festival. Admission to the Friday reception is \$5. Limited booth space will also be available in the zoo area for fine artists, creative writers and musicians. The **deadline for artist entries is July 1**, the deadline for vendor registration is August 1. For info and forms, contact Valerie at 505-437-6130 or email Chamber@Alamogordo.com.

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9 Holes	\$8.00
extra rider - 2 riders per cart	\$13.50
18 Holes	\$11.00
extra rider - 2 riders per cart	\$16.50

Join the League!

Golf Leagues will be formed June 5th. Sign-up sheets are out, call Pro Shop for more information.

Memberships which expire prior to the TWSD Board deciding prices will pay daily fees, which will be credited towards the purchase of a new membership.

Timberon Development Council

from Jackie Fioretti

President Everett Putney opened the meeting on April 6th and thanked those present for attending. Nellie Spence gave the Treasurer's report as follows: At the end of February we had \$299.47. We deposited \$1,538.95 and spent \$28.00 leaving a balance at the end of March of \$1,810.42. The balance consists of \$1,378.95 for the Timberon Parade Committee and \$431.47 for the Timberon Development Council. The minutes were not read and there were extra copies available for those who did not receive them.

Everett asked if everyone had a chance to look over the Community Action Plan? There were a couple who had not had the opportunity to do that. He asked if there were any questions about that plan? There were none. He read the qualifications and work experience of Stan Bulsterbaum. He advised Howard Shanks has been with the RC&D Council for many years and is very well respected. We were very fortunate to have Stan as our facilitator and couldn't have a better team to do this for the Community. There are those who disagree with this plan and that is acceptable. We will move forward with the plan and as far as we are concerned the community has spoken.

It was mentioned there would be a Fire Siren Drill from 1pm to 3pm tomorrow and to call 987-2202 if you hear the siren. Everett mentioned he talked to Dallas Bash and requested a copy of the Fort Bliss Fire Protection Plan that adjoins the Timberon property.

The Community Action Team has agreed to send a mailing to fifteen or twenty residents, in a selected area that live off the mountain, concerning the tree thinning process and if they are no longer interested in keeping their property the possibility of donating their property and taking advantage of a tax write-off.

There was discussion on the fishing lake and one of the lakes on the golf course will become a fishing lake. TWSD is looking into purchasing fish to stock this lake.

A motion was made and second to appoint Fran Trendler as the Timberon Development Council Facilitator. Fran accepted the appointment.

A Nurse Practitioner for the community was discussed and is a high priority for Timberon but it is a private business. Fran advised Cloudcroft and Timberon are classified as medically underserved. We should check with a National Health Organization to see if volunteers would serve the community.

Everett talked about the Alto Village Fire and the fact twenty eight homes had been destroyed. There were five homes that had been spared due to tree thinning. This should be a real lesson for us.

Everett mentioned there is a \$120,000 Forest Restoration Grant which is due April 24th. He also mentioned that he, Howard, Stan and Charlie Bain met with Gene Simmons, who is a small business development counselor from Roswell. The purpose of this meeting was to establish a business plan in conjunction with the Collaborative Forest Restoration Grant.

Several of the Community Action Team members will attend a Small Woods Workshop scheduled in Albuquerque on April 11th thru 13th. They are Everett, Jackie Fioretti, Fran, Charlie and Roger O'Dell. The purpose is to gain more knowledge of wood products from small diameter trees.

Jackie read the proposed by-laws for the Timberon Development Council. There were suggestions for changes and these changes will be made and the by-laws presented at the next meeting.

Home Extension Club

by Nora Foster

TIMBERON

The Extension club meeting, on April 18, was very attended. There were 17 members present and 1 visitor, Fran Trendler. I would like to thank her for coming.

New officers were elected and will be installed in May. I will give you their names next month.

We did start to make dream catchers and will be doing so for awhile. Carmela will be teaching us how to make her little dolls, and we will be sending them to areas close by for children who are ill and so forth...

The next meeting will be May 16, 2002. We will be installing the new officers on that day. Time is at 10:15am. Place is at the Lodge.

Till next month stay well and safe.

“Sovereignty and Your Rights” Seminar

The Eagle Forum of New Mexico and the Paragon Foundation are joining together to sponsor the 5th Annual “Sovereignty and Your Rights” Seminar in Alamogordo on Saturday, June 1st. The seminar will be held at the Alamogordo Civic Center, 1st Street and Florida.

The cost is \$15 per person and \$25 per couple, fee includes registration and a hearty lunch served by the Otero Cowbells. Some of the speakers include Tom DeWeese, Cathie Adams, Derry Brownfield and Henry Lamb. For further info call Maude at 505-437-7413 or the Paragon toll free at 877-847-3443.



The next meeting will be Saturday, May 11th at 10:00am. A notice will be posted in the community. These are public meetings and everyone is invited to attend.

A LISTING OF USEFUL PHONE NUMBERS IN TIMBERON

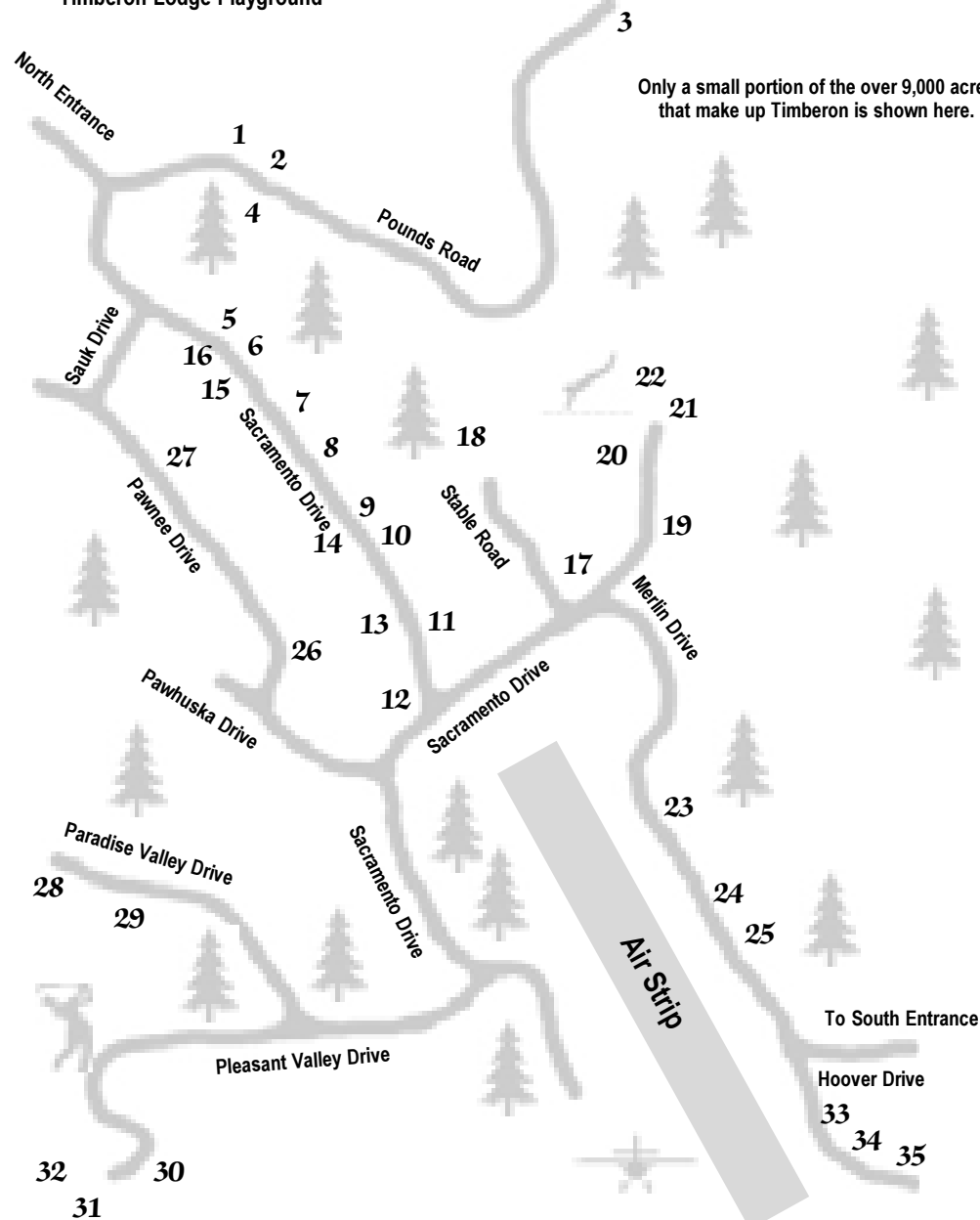
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Circle Cross RV Park...	987-2651	Timberon Post Office...	987-2231
Casa Sacramento...	987-2201	Timberon Fire Dept...	987-2296
Dell Telephone...		Business Calls	987-2202
Timberon	987-2500	Emergency	911
Main Office	964-2352	Timberon Golf Course...	987-2260
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Trouble Line	611	Timberon Mountaineer (WebSite)...	987-2267
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Time & Temperature	964-8401	Timberon RV Park...	987-2240
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Kevin's Kustom Welding...	987-2201		987-2252
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MAP OF TIMBERON'S BUSINESSES & FACILITIES

- Timberon Backhoe - Earth Moving/Materials
- Sacramento River Lodge - Motel Lodging
- Timberon RV Park (Closed in Winter)
- Riverside Condos / Retreat and Lodging
- Sacramento Energy - Propane, Appliance, Heating Sales & Service
- Roberts Realty - Land/Home Sales
- Sacramento Mountain Construction
- Tommy McCabe - Silversmith
- Timberon Mall - Gas & Grocery
- The Patty Wagon - Cafe (Currently Closed)
- Mountain Times - Newspaper
- Timberon Realty (Currently Closed)
- Josie's Country Market
- MountainView Real Estate
- Dell Telephone - Timberon Office
- Timberon Post Office
- Timberon Fire Department
- Moss Ranch - Horses (Currently Closed)
- Timberon Lodge Playground
- Timberon Lodge Pool (Closed in Winter)
- Timberon Water District offices, Community Center, Library and Exercise Room
- Timberline Restaurant
- Mountain Millworks - Woodworking
- Timberon Self Storage - Storage Rentals
- Sacramento Energy Storage Site
- Community Dumpster
- Sierra Propane -Propane Sales, Service, and Plumbing
- Chateau de la Shay (Currently Closed)
- Golf Course Rentals - Lodging
- Casa Sacramento - Lodging, Kitchenettes
- Timberon Golf Course - Nine Hole Golf Course, Driving Range & Pro Shop
- High Country Bar & Grill -Food and Drinks
- Timberon Chapel
- Timberon Memorial Park - Cemetery
- Old Timberon School - Community Facility

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June Barker will end a 26-year career at Dell Telephone when she retires on June 1, 2002. June started working at the Cooperative as a Billing Clerk/Receptionist in 1976. Throughout the years, June has served in all positions in the Business Office. In 1986, she was promoted to Assistant General Manager. June served six years on the Board of Directors of Arizona-New Mexico Telecommunications Association, where she held the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. For five years, June served on the Advisory Board of Quintrex Data Systems, Inc.

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Timberon Water District's Marathon of Meetings This Last Month

by Debbie Goss (Draft of Minutes) with Bill Gideon's Report

A meeting of the Timberon Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors was held on April 9 at 10am in the community center. Board members present were Larry Hanson, Ross Durant, and Colleen Gillmouthe. Joan Schug attended by telephone.

Colleen Gillmouthe moved to approve the Souder, Miller and Associates contract to drill new wells. Ross Durant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Bill Gideon announced that T.W.S.D. now has two certified water operators since Gary Goss passed his level one test. He asked for approval of a wage increase to conform with the current wage scale. Joan Schug moved to increase his hourly rate to \$9.25 per hour. Colleen Gillmouthe seconded the motion and it passed with Joan and Colleen voting in favor and Ross Durant voting against. The wage will be effective as of the date he presented his certificate.

A second meeting of the Timberon Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors was held on April 15 at 10am in the community center. Board members present were Larry Hanson, Joan Schug, and Ross Durant. Colleen Gillmouthe was absent.

Larry Hanson announced that the Yarger lawsuit lost in Appeals Court and opened the floor for discussion. Ross Durant asked for a cost estimate to pursue the case with the State Supreme Court. If oral arguments were heard the cost would be \$6,500 to \$7,000. Ross Durant moved to drop any further action on the suit. Joan Schug seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A third meeting of the Timberon Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors was held on April 20 at 10am in the community center. Board members present to open the meeting were Larry Hanson, and Colleen Gillmouthe. Ross Durant attended by telephone. Joan Schug

was absent.

The Chairman rearranged the agenda to seat a fifth board member first because the minutes to be read were quite lengthy. Colleen Gillmouthe nominated Sid Benson to fill the board vacancy. Ross Durant seconded the motion and all three board members voted in favor. Larry Hanson administered the oath of office to Sid Benson. Ross Durant excused himself from the meeting and the motion passed.

The chairman requested input from the Timberon Golf Association for the golf course fees. Cookie McGuire recommended that the fees not change this year because of the poor condition of the course. Sid Benson moved to table the golf fees until the May 18th meeting.

Larry Hanson suggested that T.W.S.D. change the pool from a class A to a class B certification. A discussion was held and it was suggested that if the pool was a class B life-guards would be hired for weekends and the beginning of the season when kids are out of school.

The issue will be discussed again on Wednesday, April 24th.

Sacramento Energy has offered a credit of \$6,777.94 for overpayments made by the District in 2001. The Board indicated that this was unacceptable and instructed Mr. Gideon to request a cash refund for the full amount due. Sid Benson moved to allow Sacramento Energy fifteen more days to resolve this issue before debarment action is taken. The motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance yard electric easement was unanimously ratified. (Resolution 01/02-014).

Sid Benson requested a change to the by-laws before they were approved regarding director's conduct. The by-laws were approved unani-

mously as written and a future change will be made for director conduct if necessary.

The general manager was unanimously authorized by the board to sign Release of Lien forms for paid standby and water accounts with liens filed against them.

Lake 6 will be stocked as soon as trout are available from Parker Trout in Sacramento.

Fran Trender presented a report from the Timberon Development Council. They are exploring grant possibilities to restore forest health. They will be holding a grant writing workshop in the near future.

General Manager's Report

Bill Gideon presented the following history of board actions to obtain water for Timberon -

A new board was seated on January 19th and instructed the general manager to cease drilling because there was no contract. On January 25th the board began to obtain well specifications to define what finished product was desired. Any construction or modification to the water system must have prior approval by the New Mexico Environment Department. Two wells had been tied into the water system without their approval. The water operators notified the Environment Department and obtained verbal approval to use the wells until samples could be taken. At that time, the Board's number one priority shifted from finding new water sources to protecting the use of current sources. The Board turned all well development over to Livingston and Associates but soon rescinded that vote because of slow response from them. They will help us tie in the Tee Box Well. A Request for Proposal was sent out and a contract was signed on April 9th with Souder, Miller and Associates to develop wells until 100 additional gpm was secured. We have just received plans and Environment Department approval for the Tee Box Well. A schedule for well drilling has been published by Souder, Miller and Associates. A well driller will be expedited under the emergency declaration within the next two weeks. A second RFP has been issued for additional well development. Carissa Springs is at 41 gpm, the Sacramento Well is at 21.5 gpm and the fire station well is at 14 gpm.



Sid Benson, New Board Director



Bill Gideon, General Manager

Timberon 15 Years Ago - Recognize Anyone?

Taken from the "Funnies" in Bill Davis' Timberon News, dated May 1987



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Friday, May 3
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event outdoors to the "secret garden" and into New York Street. Here you will enjoy music, dancing and delicious, traditional foods. The scenery will once again include moonlight, thousands of flowers and a colorful waterfall. The perfect ending to a perfect season!

Weed / Sacramento

- MAY 6**
 *Breakfast Club at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 7
 *Quilting Class 2pm at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 for info.
MAY 11
 *Dinner and Music at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 13
 *Breakfast Club at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 14
 *Quilting Class 2pm at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 for info.
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 *Jr Daugherty and Dinner at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 20
 *Breakfast Club at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 21
 *Quilting Class 2pm at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 for info.
MAY 25
 *Dinner and Music at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 27
 *Breakfast Club at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 or 687-3742 for info.
MAY 28
 *Quilting Class 2pm at the Weed Cafe. Call 687-3611 for info.

Cloudcroft

- MAY 4**
 *The Billy the Kid Cup Mountain Bike Race (505) 682-1229.
MAY 11
 *Sacramento Mountain Museum's "Old Timer's Reunion." Call 505-682-2932.
 *The Cloudcroft Dance Theatre's spring performance - the Flickinger Center (505) 687-3192 or 687-3184.
MAY 12
 *Sacramento Mountain Museum's "Old Timer's Reunion." Call 505-682-2932.
 *The Cloudcroft Dance Theatre's spring performance - the Flickinger Center (505) 687-3192 or 687-3184.
 *Mother's Day Buffet Brunch at The Lodge (505) 682-2566 or 800 395-6343.
MAY 17
 *6th Annual Ladies Golf Tournament at the Lodge Course. Call 505-682-2566 or 1-800-395-6343.
MAY 18
 *6th Annual Ladies Golf Tournament at the Lodge Course. Call 505-682-2566 or 1-800-395-6343.
 *The High Altitude Classic Mountain Bike Race. Call 505-682-1229.
MAY 19
 *The High Altitude Classic Mountain Bike Race. Call 505-682-1229.
MAY 24
 *Melodrama at the Open Air Pavilion. Call 505-682-2765.
MAY 25
 *Melodrama at the Open Air Pavilion. Call 505-682-2765.
 *Cloudcroft's 26th Annual Mayfair Juried Art Show in Zenith Park. Call 505-682-2566.
 *Mayfair Street Dance on Burro Avenue at 7pm. Call 505-682-2733.
 *Rodeo, the Wimsatt Arena (505) 682-2733.
MAY 26
 *Cloudcroft's 26th Annual Mayfair Juried Art Show in Zenith Park.
 *Rodeo, the Wimsatt Arena (505) 682-2733.
MAY 27
 *Rodeo, the Wimsatt Arena (505) 682-2733.
MAY 31
 *Melodrama presented by the Cloudcroft Light Opera Company 7pm at the open-air pavilion.

Timberon

- MAY 11**
 *Timberon Development meets at 1pm in the Lodge.
MAY 12
 *Mother's Day!
MAY 16
 *Home Extension Club meets in the Timberon Lodge annex.
MAY 17
 *Fire Safety Meeting sponsored by Timberon Development at 10am in the Lodge Annex.
MAY 18
 *Timberon Water District's meeting in the Lodge.
MAY 25
 *"The Warmhearted Lawyer" vs "The Meanest Man in the West." A melodrama put on by the Timberon Little Theater at 7pm in the Lodge Annex.
MAY 26
 *The "Other Band" plays at 8pm in the Lodge.
MAY 27
 *Memorial Day!
MAY 30
 *RC & D meets from 8 to 12 in the Lodge Annex.
- EVERY SATURDAY**
 *Lions Club Bingo in the Lodge.
 *Rim Riders play every Friday in the Lodge.
- TIMBERON CHAPEL**
 *Bible Study / Service every Wednesday at 6PM.
 *Sunday School at 9:45 AM / Service at 11:00 AM every Sunday .
- LIBRARY**
 Smith Memorial Library is open:
 Mon & Wed 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Fridays 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM
 Saturdays 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

To get the events of the area in the community calendar, call 987-2561 in Timberon and toll free 1-877-987-2561 if you live in other parts of the Sacramento Mountains.

If your community is not listed this month on the calendar it doesn't mean we don't cover it, just that no events were reported this time! Let us know what is going on.

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 - Opens
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 - New Mexico ski resort
 - FASTEST CAT
 - Gin (1988 Straits and Sims)
 - Guided
 - To is human...
 - Prying
 - Patella
 - Cuckoo
 - Chute
 - Branched beverage
 - Intense emotion
 - Single entity
 - Child's game
 - Start of work wk.
 - Warning device
 - THE PINNACLES (19..... Sims)
 - Country Singer Lovell
 - Put up with
 - Winter precipitation
 - Mr. Look-alike
 - Arm bone
 - Beasts of burden
 - Steady beverage
 - And others (abbr)
- Down**
- To (beast)
 - He built the ark
 - Street, e.g.
 - By a small margin
 - Series of night
 - Flyed's past
 - Rocky pinnacle
 - Age
 - Mid-Eastern republic
 - OF BEASTS
 - The Big (New Orleans)
 - Dined
 - Graze
 - Conduction
 - Pollyanna
 - Over Day (Straits and Sims)
 - Mom's daughter
 - Reactive
 - "O, say you see..."
 - World heavyweight prizefighter
 - Spice River?
 - Thailand
 - Ship's record
 - Scattered
 - False
 - Mediterranean island
 - Unit
 - Likewise
 - BOBCAT
 - Vars
 - Epidemiology
 - Stop
 - Italian volcano
 - Genuine
 - Make lace

Cryptic Quote

"UJ & TUZA YE
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 EAMCK NYYP MZ
 BAMEZ."

Can you guess who said that?
 Here are a few hints:

- She lived in hiding for over two years to avoid Nazi persecution.
- She died in a concentration camp at the age of 31.
- Her father published her now famous diary after her death.

WORD SEARCH: Herbs

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SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CRYPTIC QUOTE

Cryptic Quote: "You can't build a reputation on what you are going to do."
 Who said that? Henry Ford (1863-1945), known as the father of the automobile, began the Detroit Automobile Company in 1899 and soon became the largest automobile producer in the United States. He designed the Model T in 1908 and produced nearly 17 million of them before discontinuing the model in 1926. His factories produced war materials, including airplanes, machine guns, tanks and ambulances during both World Wars.

SOLUTION TO LAST MONTH'S CROSSWORD

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- ALOE**
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CARAMAY
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CHAMOMILE
CHICORY
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CORLANDER
DILL
FENNEL
- FERUGINEA**
GINGER
GINSENG
GOLDENROD
HAWTHORN
JUNIPER
LAVENDER
MYRRH
PARSLEY
ROSEMARY
SAFFRON
SAGE
TARRAGON
THYME

Send in your own words and clues - we'll make a puzzle from them and give you the credit!

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THE MOUNTAIN TRADING POST - CLASSIFIED SECTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention
29 People wanted!
 Get paid \$\$ to lose 10-30 lbs. in the next 30 days!!
 Call 1-866-557-9313 toll free.

MISCELLANEOUS

\$1,000 REWARD
 There is a \$1,000 reward offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person, or persons, who cut the fence on Circle Cross Ranch.
 Call 505-987-2651 or 505-987-2652.

OWN A NEWSPAPER IN THE MOUNTAINS

This newspaper is for sale. Own a growing, and profitable, paper in the Sacramento Mountains. Technical support and website included. For more information, call toll free 1-877-987-2561.

CLOUDCROFT CONCRETE & MATERIALS
 Transit Mix - Sand - Gravel, located between Highway 82 and 130 in Cloudcroft. Call 505-682-2309.

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 Perfect job for some who wants to supplement existing income and set own hours. If you are interested and would like more info, contact this paper -
 Call toll free - 1-877-987-2561 or Email - mountain@dellcity.com

RENTALS

HOUSE FOR RENT
 (the old Roseborough place)
 2 Bedroom - Completely Furnished - \$75 a day - Special Weekly and Monthly Rates Available. Contact Mary Hamill @ 505-987-2537.

OFFICE or RETAIL SPACE
 Available in Roberts Realty building - good location, Downtown Timberon. For Information Call 1-888-441-6630

INTERNET

VISIT THIS WEB SITE
 New Mexico Wanderings About little-known and lesser-known places with over 1,700 photos and 800 pages -
<http://www.huntel.com/~artpike/>

DOMAIN NAMES FOR SALE
 Selling the Internet Domain Names timberon-new mexico.com and timberonnewmexico.com, if you are interested call 1-888-682-3555 toll free and ask for John.

CLASSES

"GET ALL THOSE PHOTO'S OUT OF THE BOX AND INTO ALBUMS"
 We have classes in -- Beginning Scrapbooking, Heritage Books, Journaling, Embossing, Paper Folding, Stamping and much more...
ASK ABOUT KIDS SCRAPBOOKING CAMP
 Southwest Memory Keepers
 700 E. 1st, Suite 784
 Alamogordo, NM 505-434-0912

Free Pregnancy Test Available. Call 434-5525

SERVICES

WINDOW WASHING
 BY ST. CLAIR
 Residential - Commercial
 "BIG or SMALL - WE DO IT ALL"
 For a free estimate, please call James or Barbara at 505-682-7519 (leave message)

FREE INDIAN MEDICINE CARD READING
 Nawassa Lightfoot. Timberon, New Mexico. 987-2558.
 Donations willingly accepted!

FOR SALE 1987 OLDS \$1,500.00
 Call 505-987-2561

HELP WANTED

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ITEMS FOR SALE

PIANO FOR SALE
 Kimball Stinnet Piano, 1969, Excellent condition. \$1,800.
 Call 505-439-0472

NEW WATER HEATER
 New 50 gallon propane hot water heater \$250. If interested call - 505-623-0134

REFRIGERATOR
 Combination Propane/Electric, Explorer, 14.4 cu.ft. (freezer & refrigerator) Model GRQ15. Call 505-457-2241.

VAN FOR SALE
 1987 Dodge Van, good mechanical condition, AC. \$1,200.
 Call 505-439-0472

FOR SALE



John Deere Model 10 Front Hydraulic Loader for compact tractor. \$475. Call 505-439-0266 or email dingman@zianet.com

FIREWOOD FOR SALE
 Mostly Ponderosa Pine - mostly fresh cut and uncured. Long sections and shorter pieces, unsplit. \$25 a pick-up load. You come and get it in Timberon. We have a bunch and will have even more!
 Call 505-987-2561.

REAL ESTATE

LOT FOR SALE
 1 acre in Timberon - Lot 37. Blk 78, Unit 7. Call 505-624-2175, Ask for Roger.

WANTED - MOUNTAIN CABIN/MOBILE
 Eastern side of the mountain range. Remote/accessable. Will buy 2-3 bedroom, water/electric/phone. Must be owner financed with flexible terms, under \$45,000. Donations gratefully accepted. Serious donors/sellers only please.
 Meditations Universal Life Church, PO Box 85, Shoshone, CA 92384-0085. Fax: c/o #243 (775) 751-9550.

FOR SALE IN TIMBERON
 Doublewide 28x60 Lancer on approx 1/2 acre lot, magnificent view, rock fireplace, 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, attached deck, shed, free standing deck, double carport and shed.
 Contact 505-987-2358 or 505-443-0902.

MOUNTAIN LAND OR CABIN WANTED
 I will buy land, or cabin, around Cloudcroft, in valley or in mountains, if it meets my criteria. Must be owner financed with flexible terms, under \$50,000. Serious inquiries only. Quick response and closing.
 Email: rbarton@freevweb.com or ibuycorp@aol.com. Address: R. Barton, 6300B. Hwy 290 W., Austin, TX 78735. Hm 830-825-3209, Wk 512-288-9273, Fax 512-288-9272.

FOR SALE
 Sacramento #3, Blk 10, Lot 7. 1.13 acres. Electricity at rear / water in front. NE exposure, excellent view. \$8,400. R. Niehaus, 241 Hollywood Dr. Edinburg, TX 78539. 956-381-5960.

MOBILE HOME FOR SALE
 NMSU Students & Parents 16X70 2/2 Palmharbor Energymiser, 2X6 walls, plywood floors, newer carpet, ceramic kitchen counters, hardboard skirting, in park under corner from campus, 3K under book. Call 505-523-5856.

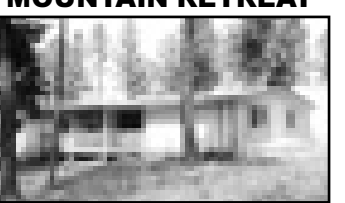
REAL ESTATE

HOME FOR SALE

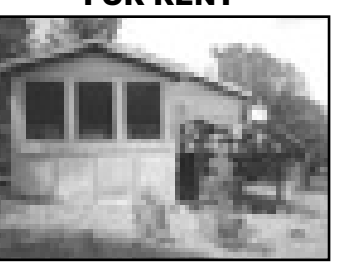
 Mobile Home For sale in Timberon, NM. 14x60 Palm Harbor, nicely furnished, new deck, woodburning stove, sitting on approximately 5/8 acre with beautiful view. \$28,000 o.b.o. Call 505-987-2512 or Email: storm4x4@hotmail.com

TIMBERON LOT FOR SELL
 Lot 15 of Block 20 of Unit 7, Golf Course Subdivision. 1/2 acre on Oakmont Drive. Call 806-965-2665 or write Janice or Gene Snell, HCR4-Box 40, Muleshoe, TX 79347.

TIMBERON LOTS
 1/2 acre - Lot 4, Blk 10, GC3 - \$3,500. Also 1/2 acre lots - Lot 7, Blk 7, GC1 -- Lot 5, Blk 130, T14 -- Lot 18, Blk 109, T10. Offers Considered. Terms. 505-869-6585 (Billy Jones)

FOR SALE MOUNTAIN RETREAT

 4 bdrm, 2 full bth, Den, Kitchen dining room, Living room combo, Cathedral ceilings, Sky lights, Central heat, Forced air wood burning fireplace, Double wide mobile home, Furniture and appliances are negotiable. 2 one-half acre lots, Shop and storage buildings, Commercial grade metal roofs, Front and rear covered porches, Concrete sidewalks and rear entry parking slab. In Timberon, New Mexico.
 Call 505-987-2573 / 361-580-0802.

LOT FOR SALE
 In Timberon, Very reasonably priced. Call 505-832-6045.

MOUNTAIN CABIN FOR RENT

 Large screened porch, high deck in rear, 2 bedrooms (king and queen), fireplace, VCR. Modern, attractive, fully equipped. \$75 @ night, \$420 @ week. 915-550-3406.

THE TRADING POST CLASSIFIED FORM
 Classified ads (up to 30 words and 1 photo) are free to subscribers. Non-subscribers pay \$5.00 for up to 30 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Photos are an additional \$1.00 and a SASE is required if you want the photo returned. All payments for classifieds must be made in advance - the ad will run until you stop it.

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

Send your check to **Mountain Times, PO Box 190, Timberon, NM 88350**

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MAP OF THE SOUTHERN SACRAMENTO MOUNTAINS

This map of the Sacramento Mountains is just meant as a general guide. It is not a complete map of all the roads on the mountain. The Forest Service office in Alamogordo (505-434-7200) and the Sacramento Ranger District in Cloudcroft (505-682-2551) have a very good map of roads and trails that they will sell you. If you have a road that you think should be added to this map, call us at 505-987-2561 or tollfree at 1-877-987-2561. We will be adding roads to this map periodically.



LEGEND	
	Paved Road
	Dirt Road
COMMUNITIES	
1.....	Timberon
2.....	Sunspot
3.....	Pinon
4.....	Weed
5.....	Sacramento
6.....	Mayhill
7.....	Cloudcroft
8.....	Bug Scuffle
9.....	High Rolls
10.....	Mountain Park
ROADS	
1.....	US Highway 82 A paved all-weather road that goes off to the Alamogordo area on the left and towards Artesia on the right of map.
2.....	Forest Road 339 Haynes Canyon.
3.....	Forest Road 162 La Luz Canyon.
4.....	Forest Road 183
5.....	State Highway 244 A paved all-weather road that goes through the Mescalero Indian Reservation and on into Ruidoso.
6.....	Forest Road 405 Dry Canyon.
7.....	Forest Road 90 West Side Road, truck suggested.
8.....	Forest Road 63 Karr Canyon, closed in winter.
9.....	Pierce Canyon
10.....	Apache Canyon
11.....	Forest Road 175 Sixteen Springs.
12.....	Forest Road 228 Three Mile Canyon, shown in part.
13.....	State Highway 130 Cox Canyon, paved, all-weather.
14.....	Forest Road 269 Curtis Canyon.
15.....	Forest Road 247 Russia Canyon.
16.....	Forest Highway 6365 Sunspot Highway, paved, all-weather.
17.....	Forest Road 164 Rio Penasco.
18.....	Forest Road 169 Wills Canyon.
19.....	Forest Road 257 Hay Canyon.
20.....	State Highway 24 Paved, all-weather road that goes past Pinon, through Duncan, towards Artesia.
21.....	Forest Road 64 Agua Chiquita, good dirt road.
22.....	Forest Road 238 Perk Canyon.
23.....	Forest Road 382 Seep Canyon.
24.....	Forest Road 255 Jim Lewis Canyon.
25.....	Forest Road 460 Scott Able Canyon.
26.....	Forest Road 537 Sacramento River Road, Good all-weather dirt road.
27.....	State Road 506 Part is paved and rest is dirt, comes out by Oro Grande.
28.....	Forest Road 171 Perk Canyon.

Call the paper to update various road descriptions and conditions.
 This map is in the process of changing in layout soon, hopefully making it easier to use!