

Fire Restrictions are now in Effect on the National Forest!

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*Girls in the Camp's Horseback Program, 1927*

## Saving Camp Mary White

Magical. Beautiful. Unique. These words pop up frequently when Friends of Camp Mary White members speak of the historic camp northeast of Cloudcroft, near Weed.

"There's no place like it," said Alamogordo resident Bambi Turnbull. She's among the 120-plus members of FCMW - mostly former campers and staff - who are working to restore the 76-year-old camp in Bear Canyon.

Camp Mary White is the oldest continually operated Girl Scout camp west of the Mississippi. Many of the camp's oldest buildings, including a 1928 lodge and outdoor kitchens with stone hearths, are in need of repair. The Rio Peñasco fire in 2002, which burned into one of the camp's canyons, also threatens to create erosion problems that could damage the lodge.

Friends members want to share their passion and vision for the camp's renewal with the residents of the mountain communities, in part because the area shares the same "pioneer" heritage, said Paula Homer, Friends president.

Friends will host a Grand Revitalization Kickoff June 5, from 1pm to 5pm, at the camp. Mountain residents and Girl Scouts from the region are invited.

"People in these mountains have helped us in a variety of ways over our many decades," said Homer, who was a camper, a counselor and later camp director from 1977 to 1985. "We would like to have them with us as we begin our next era in Camp Mary White's long legacy."

FCMW members will provide tours of the camp, display memorabilia, old photographs, and answer questions about restoration plans.

The Friends group formed last year, after a 75th anniversary celebra-

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*Mary White in 1928*

## Stage 1 Fire Restrictions on the Lincoln National Forest

May 27 - The Lincoln National Forest (LNF) Supervisor, Jose Martinez is asking the public who plan to recreate within our Forest lands be very vigilant, not only during the Memorial Day holiday weekend, but every day you are on National Forest System lands.

The LNF will implement Stage I fire restrictions starting at 8am, Tuesday, June 1, 2004. Campfires will be limited to developed camp and picnic grounds (where grills are provided). Smoking is permitted in vehicles, enclosed buildings or in developed campgrounds. Pressurized liquid or gas stoves, lanterns and heaters meeting safety specifications are allowed. The restrictions apply to all National Forest lands on the Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger Districts.

"The Lincoln National Forest and surrounding communities are experiencing above normal temperatures, below normal moisture prompting us to enact these restrictions," said Jose Martinez. "Until our monsoon shows up in late June or early July, we must keep up our guard about creating fires, never abandoning them and ensuring they are completely extinguished."

Memorial Day weekend marks the beginning of the summer recreation season within your National Forest system lands. You are responsible for ensuring your family's safety and helping protect our natural resources. Fire prevention and fire safety are at the top of our lists, and with the public's cooperation, we can ensure our communities remain safe.

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## Smoking, Campfire and Open Fire Restrictions In Effect All Over State of New Mexico

Due to low levels of precipitation, high winds and low humidity, wildland fuels are at a hazardous level for burning. Fire incidents for all wildland fire agencies are increasing daily. Pursuant to New Mexico Statutes of the Forest Conservation Act, the New Mexico Forestry Division has placed the following restrictions on non-municipal and non-federal lands throughout the state of New Mexico.

Smoking is restricted to developed recreation sites, enclosed buildings, areas designated in writing by the landowner and within vehicles equipped with ashtrays and on paved or surfaced roads, or while stopped in an area at least ten feet in diameter that is barren or cleared of all flammable material.

Campfires are restricted to developed recreation sites or in areas designated in writing by the landowner. Charcoal grills and wood and coal stoves used outside of dwellings are classified as

campfires and are prohibited except in developed recreation sites or areas designated in writing by the landowner. Use of cooking or heating devices that use kerosene, white gas or propane as a fuel is not restricted.

The New Mexico State Parks Division will determine which areas within their parks are designated for campfires. For information on this contact the local State Park Manager or visit the website at [www.nmparks.com](http://www.nmparks.com)

## Sacramento River Road Update

The road to Timberon is moving along great! You must remember a couple of things, though. The road is COMPLETELY CLOSED weekdays from about 11:00am to around 3:15pm, and you can expect up to a 30 minute wait at the roadblock all other times... except Sunday.

This is something NEW! The construction crew has cut through the road at the Timberon front gate for the new river crossing. A detour is now in place that takes you by the old stables and fire department. We will keep you updated!

## Forest Fires and Prescribed Burns

### WHITE OAK PRESCRIBED FIRE UNDER WAY

May 21 - Fire personnel conducted aerial ignitions May 20 on the White Oak Prescribed Fire, located on the Guadalupe Ranger District just north of the town of Queen. Over 1,000 acres were treated before thunderstorms forced firefighters to halt ignitions. If weather permits, an additional 2,000 acres are planned for burning on May 21.

"We are very pleased with the progress of the burn," said Paul Schmidtke, Fire Management Officer for the Lincoln National Forest. "Projects like these do a great deal towards restoring our forests' health," he said.

Watershed conditions, wildlife habitats, recreational values, range resources, and threatened, endangered and sensitive species habitat are very important aspects of a healthy forest. Fires such as White Oak are "prescribed" to address these concerns. By removing accumulations of woody debris from the forest floor and reducing the pinon and juniper overstory, forage is improved, the potential for catastrophic wildfire is reduced, and conditions are created which allow for the re-establishment of native plant species.

Residents and forest visitors in the area should expect to see and smell smoke during the course of this fire. For the safety of firefighters and the public, the following roads and trails are temporarily closed: Trail 68, 68A, 214, 215, 217, 226, and Roads: 68, 525, 527, 527A, 9429, 9431 and 9442.

For more information on prescribed fire check out: [www.fs.fed.us/fire/fireuse](http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/fireuse) or the Lincoln National Forest website at [www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln).

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*Chris Murtisbaw, surrounded by many of her friends from the Timberon Fire Department receives Award at conference.*

## Timberon's Senior EMT Named EMS Provider of the Year

*by Sid Benson and Mary Jane Davis*

Each year the departments in New Mexico Emergency Medical Services Region Three, submit the names of individuals in their department whom they feel have performed in an exemplary manner. The award is presented to the recipient at the Region Three Conference which has been held in Ruidoso, NM the last several years.

The following letter was sent to Region three offices by the members of Timberon Volunteer EMS-

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## “Fishin’ with Chip” ... Outside the Box

by Chip Chipman

When deciding what fly to tie on, it makes sense to take a few minutes to observe the water. As Archie Bunker said, “You can observe a lot by just watching.”

Look for any insects flying above the water or any fish that may be rising to them. If there is an absence of surface activity, common wisdom dictates that you should fish below the surface. You can make a choice of wet flies, nymphs, or streamers.

If surface activity is observed, and it appears that the fish are rising to a particular insect, then select a fly that resembles what you see. You don’t have to know the name of it, the fish don’t. If it’s yellow, tie on a yellow fly that matches the size and shape. If it’s a brown insect then match it with a brown fly.

Sometimes you can do well by going against common wisdom. The lack of any surface activity doesn’t always mean that a dry fly will not be effective. I found this out several years ago on a late summer day. The stream was low and the nymph I had on would drift only a few feet before becoming hung up on the bottom. To keep from getting hung up, I tied on a dry fly even though there wasn’t any surface activity. Lo and behold! I started catching fish.

In shallow water, fish don’t have to expend a whole lot of energy to rise a couple of feet or less to take a fly from the surface. Attractor flies such as a Royal Wulff or an Adams are often effective.

Top water activity doesn’t mean that there is no longer any sub-surface action. Surface and sub-surface feeding can be going on at the same time. If you have a nymph on and see a rise, cast the nymph to the fish. More often than not, a hook-up results.

Once, while fishing one of the many streams in the White Mountains, I noticed some tan caddisflies flitting about. Conventional wisdom and common sense dictated that I should tie on a tan Elk Hair Caddis.

I did and figured for sure I would knock’em dead. The fly was ignored. After a while, I tied on an Adams of the same size. I caught about fifteen fish on it before losing it in a tree. Just out of curiosity, I tied on a PMD. The PMD is a completely different color than an Adams. It worked just as well, I caught another fifteen or so on it. Go figure.

Late one evening just before dark, fish were rising to tiny flies that I couldn’t even see. I did have some small flies but the light was so dim I couldn’t see to tie one on. So, I chose a size 14 Parachute Adams. It was big enough so that I could see to tie it on in the fading light and it would be visible on the water. I caught several fish in the remaining light.

To use the current vernacular—sometimes it pays to think outside the box.

*Chip Chipman is a fishing guide and lives in Nutrioso, Arizona. Check out “Fishin’ with Chip” on-line at [www.azod.com](http://www.azod.com).*



## Veterinary Medical Notes

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### Gastric Dilation and Volvulus (GDV)

At 2:30 in the morning when the phone rings, a veterinarian never knows just what will be heard from the other end. One of the things that he never wants to hear is, “Doc my Great Dane is bloated and seems very painful”. These words bring to mind a condition that many people have never heard of, Gastric Dilation and Volvulus. This is a direct description of the condition in which the stomach becomes twisted and out flow through both the small intestine and retrograde out the esophagus are blocked. This is an extremely severe condition and is a dire emergency. The type of dogs that are usually affected are large breed deep-chested dogs such as Great Danes, German Shepherds, Saint Bernards, Rottweilers, Labrador Retrievers and Alaskan Malamutes. The deepness of the chest allows more freedom of movement of the stomach. After a large meal and during times of high activity the stomach can rotate. After rotation gas production in the stomach as well as forceful entry of air into the stomach by swallowing of the dog because of pain, cause bloating and distention. The dog may begin to have nonproductive retching and increase in salivation. The abdomen becomes distended and the dog may even collapse because of changes in blood return to the heart and decreased ability to breath. The dog may also become lethargic and some dogs will belch often.

Since many people don’t know about the dis-

ease they may often wait until tomorrow for treatment. The symptoms usually start out mild and severity of the disease is not realized. An indoor dog may wake the owner as symptoms progress, but many of these dogs are outdoor dogs because they are larger. A owner may decide to leave the dog overnight and wake to find the dog dead or so far gone that the veterinarian will not be able to save him. The condition progresses so quickly that death ensues very rapidly. The stomach may rupture because of dilatation and the spleen is also affected because of it’s close relation to the stomach. Blood supply to the spleen and stomach can be completely blocked. The dilation of the stomach can compress the vessels that return blood to the heart and cause loss of oxygen supply to the other organs of the body. Dilation also inhibits lung expansion and oxygenation of the blood. Inhibition of all of these functions make this an extreme emergency. Dogs that are not treated immediately will often die regardless of the efforts of the veterinarian.

The best cure is prevention. If you own a dog that is at risk feeding schedules are very important. These dogs should be fed at least twice daily instead of a once daily feeding schedule. Timing of feeding is also important. Feeding just prior to exercise will also increase the risk. Try to feed prior to a time that the dog will be quiet for a few hours.

*The Veterinary Animal Clinic in High Rolls, New Mexico*

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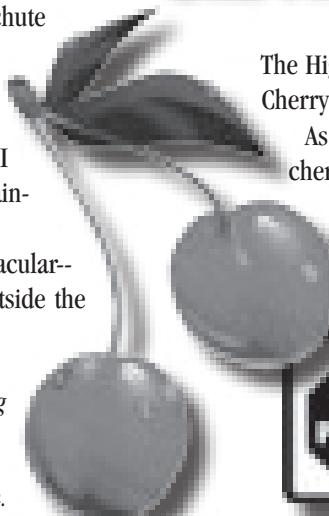
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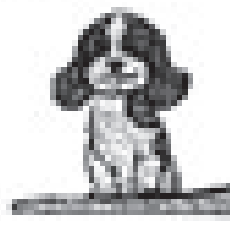
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Norm Maisel and horse at the Ranch in Quemado.

## “Humor from the Gila” ... I’m Just Not Ready Yet!

by Norman M. Maisel

People have many reasons for not wanting to die. I’m simply not ready yet, or I’ve just begun a new project and I just don’t have time for such nonsense. My children have just begun their families, and I have yet to properly spoil my grandchildren. I’m too young, too many things to still experience. I want to die with my boots on. The trouble is, I’m embarrassed. There are holes in the soles, and I can’t afford to have them repaired. You’ll just have to wait awhile longer. Or better yet, I’m eating my way around the world and I still have three countries to go. Just allow me to finish these last three, and I’ll

go with a full belly and a smile upon my face.

Of course, you can remember your mother always telling you to make sure you always had clean underwear on. Just in case you happened to get hit by a car. Hey... Maybe that’s a really good reason for not doing your wash. I can’t go today. **THEY’RE DIRTY.** No Mom! You trained me right. My skivvies are clean... I’m ready to go, except that my wife made me promise her that she could go first. ‘Cause that way, I’ll be the one who has to clean out the garage.

## Jimmy Wants to Insure His Assets

by Norman M. Maisel

I had been in the feed store the better part of an hour, drinking coffee and trading stories with some of my neighbors. “Hey guys, it’s been fun but I’ve got to go. I have an appointment in fifteen minutes I have to get to.”

“Where you headed off to?” It was Jimmy. He wasn’t really nosey, it was just that he -- Well I guess that he probably was nosey. Jimmy just has to know all there is to know about everything.

“I’ve got an appointment with my insurance agent.”

What are you insuring?”

“Jimmy. I’ve got my trucks and the ranch insured.”

“Would that be called insuring your assets?” he asked me.

And before I could reply, he continued. “Last week I was watching the TV and they did a piece on how some of the big entertainers insure their assets. You know what I mean?” I was almost afraid to ask. “Well there was a piano player who insured his fingers for \$250,000. A singer insured her voice for a half-a-mil, and some big actress insured her boobs and legs for \$850,000. Then there was this actor who insured his hair for some big amount. I guess he was afraid that if he went bald he would need the insurance to buy a hair piece. I think maybe I might go with you and insure my assets.”

“Don’t you already have insurance on your ranch and truck?” I asked him.

“Oh yes”, he replied, “but I’m speaking of my assets.”

“What are you talking about?”

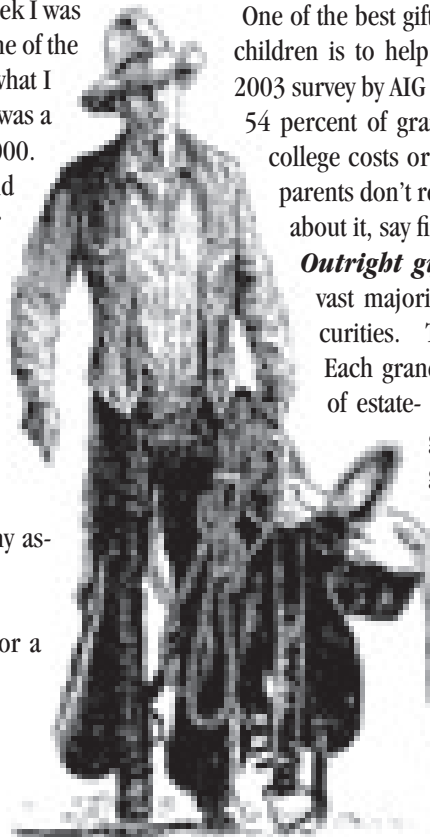
“Norm. Just think about it. What do I do for a living?”

“You’re a cowboy”, I told him.

“And how do I spend most of each day?”

“You spend most of each day on horseback.”

“Well, that’s what I mean. My assets.”



## “PostScripts” from Weed Don’t Forget Suntan Lotion, the Cooler... and the Mail!

from Debbie Stone

It’s vacation time. Time to get out, relax and enjoy the great outdoors!

Lets see ... you don’t want to forget the cooler. It’s going to be hot outside.

Don’t forget the suntan lotion, either. If you neglect your skin, you’ll learn a painful lesson.

And while you are preparing for your vacation, don’t neglect your mail, either. Valuable mail, even bills, left unattended can burn a lot more than the sun! Loss of valuables and identity theft car, be an expensive, inconvenient, and painful proposition. And unattended mail can be an invitation to burglars, a sign that you are not home, flashing like a neon sign: “Come on in and help yourself!”

At the very least, arrange for a trusty neighbor to get your mail out of the mailbox and hold on to it for you while you are out of town.

Or it you wish, if your vacation is 30 days or less, your letter carrier will be happy to hold your mail for you until you return. Stop by your local Post Office™ or ask your letter carrier for a ‘Vacation Hold Form.’ Fill it out and turn it in at least a week prior to your departure. You also can submit your request or ask to restart your mail delivery through [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) (search for “Vacation Hold”) or by calling 1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777).

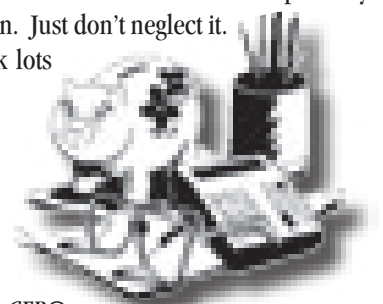
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Enjoy your vacation! In most cases, wherever you go, your mail can follow. Or it can wait patiently for you to return. Just don’t neglect it.

And bring back lots of photos.



## How Grandparents Can Help Pay for Grandchildren’s College Education

from Charles J. Wagner, CFP®

One of the best gifts grandparents can give their grandchildren is to help pay for their college education. A 2003 survey by AIG SunAmerica Mutual Funds found that 54 percent of grandparents were already helping pay college costs or planned to do so. Yet many grandparents don’t realize the most effective ways of going about it, say financial planners.

**Outright gifts** The AIG survey found that the vast majority gave outright gifts of cash or securities. This is certainly the easiest option. Each grandparent can annually give away, free of estate- or gift-tax liability, up to \$11,000 a grandchild—\$22,000 a year per grandchild if both grandparents contribute.

But this method has its drawbacks. Even \$22,000 a year may not be enough money for the grandchild’s education (private colleges can easily run well over \$30,000 a year, and some are around \$40,000). Second, the gift could reduce the amount of available financial aid, particularly if the gift

is made directly to the grandchild instead of the parents. And you’re relinquishing control of the money—the grandchild could end up using the money for a new car or exotic vacation.

**Pay tuition directly** A major advantage here is that by paying the money directly to the college the grandchild is attending, you can contribute as much as necessary without the gift counting as part of the annual \$11,000 gift exemption. You also ensure that the money is spent for college.

The major drawbacks are that the gift only applies to tuition and it may reduce financial aid.

**Coverdell education savings accounts** Grandparents who have earned income can directly open one of these accounts for a grandchild under the age of 18 and contribute up to \$2,000 a year. If they don’t have earned income, they could gift the money to the parents to open the account. The grandparents can direct the investments as they choose, and the funds can be used for public and private elementary as well as secondary education.

There are some major drawbacks: the limited

size of the annual contribution, donors whose income is too high cannot contribute and states don’t provide any income-tax deductions. Also, the contributions and earnings belong to the beneficiary, not the donor, and financial aid may be affected. Of course, like any investment, there is the risk of losing money in the account.

**529 plans** The AIG survey found that only two percent of grandparents had actually invested in a 529 plan on behalf of their grandchildren, though 529 plans can provide numerous benefits for both donors and recipients.

529 plans are state-sponsored college savings plans that invest money on behalf of participants much like mutual funds invest shareholder money. Under current law, earnings grow tax deferred from federal income tax and often state income tax, and withdrawals used for qualified education expenses will remain free of tax at least through 2010. The benefits for grandparents are numerous. They, not the grandchild, remain in control of the funds, yet the funds don’t count toward their estate for estate tax purposes.

Donors also can consolidate five year’s worth of tax-free gifting into a single year (\$55,000 per person or \$110,000 as a couple) as long as they don’t contribute any more money within that five-year period. That means investing a lot of money upfront to grow for the grandchild. Most 529 plans allow total investments of at least \$200,000 and some allow over \$250,000. And unlike Coverdells, they are free of donor income limitations.

The plans are vulnerable to performance swings, just like mutual funds, and critics warn about potential high investment fees. Nonetheless, these remain a popular option for many parents, and can be very beneficial for grandparents.

**Prepaid tuition plans** These plans, operated by some states and now by a consortium of private colleges, allow investors to buy part or all of tomorrow’s tuition at today’s prices. Typically, an investor buys “units,” which might equal a semester, a year, or several years worth of today’s tuition, and the state or private consortium guarantees returns that will match the inflation rate for that system’s college costs.

The poor market returns in recent years and the high rate of tuition increases have prompted some states to drop these plans or freeze enrollment.

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# Forester's Log... Gathering the BAER Clan

by Mary Stuever, Forester

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Big fires. Large, hot, destructive fires. Burns upon the land that clearly transcend the range of natural variability. With the advent of these increasingly severe, intense, broad-scale wildfires, a new breed of land manager is emerging. Recently in Denver, "Burn Area Emergency Response (BAER) Implementation Leaders" met to discuss techniques used to stabilize and rehabilitate the land. Commonly called the BAER (pronounced "bear") Team, these folks follow on the heels of firefighters to provide emergency stabilization actions after catastrophic wildfires.

When Ben Nuvamsa, a Hopi tribal member and the Superintendent of the Fort Apache Agency in east central Arizona, addressed the group, he offered them a new identity. "At first I felt a stranger here among so many white people," he explained to the crowded room, "but then I realized I was among family. I am BEAR clan, and you are BAER clan, too."

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Wildfires show no preference for political boundaries. No one seems exempt from the roulette of wildfire ignition in this western-states-wide, multi-year drought. Many at the Denver clan gathering, until quite recently, had no career aspirations that included burn area rehabilitation until they found their own ward facing such a challenge.

After communities and agencies suppress a huge and devastating wildfire, these people face yet another potentially more devastating disaster from flash-flooding and erosion when the next rains pound bare

and blackened hillsides. When storm events that would previously barely raise stream levels become the equivalent of 100-year floods, and several of these occur in a span of weeks, the results can be decimating.

Conference participants viewed multiple slides of mudslides wiping out highways, torrents washing out bridge supports, houses that, although heroically saved by brave firefighters weeks earlier, were filled with mud or battered to pieces by moving boulders.

Hydrologists. Soil Scientists. Foresters. Engineers. Botanists. Wildlife Biologists. Range Conservationists. Environmental Planners. Geologists. Archeologists. Administrators. Managers. Ranchers. Technicians. Cowboys.

With diverse backgrounds of varied experience and education, the clan is tasked with daily versions of "Mission: Impossible." In forest and rangelands, rills become gullies, gullies grow to canyons, soil loss is measured in feet, and the resulting sediments clog downstream reservoirs. Where fire intensity was hottest, seed sources are often vaporized and soil chemistry is altered creating water-repellent coatings that prevent rainfall from soaking into the ground.

Regardless of background, BAER Implementation Leaders quickly become generalists, mastering the mechanics of coordinating dozers and excavators in one breath while honing the ecological details of monitoring vegetation recovery in the next. Conference topics ranged from "applying seed" to "removing culverts" to "capturing wild horses" to "spraying hydro-mulch" to "tracking budgets".



Graduate student Daniella Rough from Colorado State University describes the use of silt fences to capture and measure soil movement on burned hillslopes on the Hayman Fire near Denver, Colorado.

Aerial seeding. Aerial straw mulching. Hydro-mulching. Log erosion barriers. Wattles. Check-dams. Contour felling. Low water crossings. Culvert cleaning. Sediment basin cleaning. Bank & channel stabilization. Fencing. Feral horse removal. Imprinting. Range Drilling.

The overall objective is to stabilize the slopes, staving off excessive erosion and massive flooding. The approaches are as diverse as the varied ecosystems they are used in. A practice that works well on one fire, may fail miserably on the next. Other actions work all the time, but may be too costly to justify in every instance.

The conference participants spent a day touring the 2002 Hayman Burn. Local resource managers shared the lessons they learned participating in stabilizing one of Denver's key watersheds.

On large fires a team of experts—the BAER Assessment Team—dictates the first round of land prescriptions. Only assembled for a few weeks, the team addresses immediate concerns and writes a plan that outlines projects to implement. The job of completing these projects and deciding what else needs to be done falls on the shoulders of the "Implementation Leader." Often a lonely responsibility, Implementation Leaders can now lay claim to "Clan" membership, and enjoy the benefit of shared lessons and experiences.

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# What's Happening on the Sacramento Ranger District

by Marleen M. Moya

**Office Hours** The Sacramento Ranger District Office, located in the Village of Cloudcroft, at 61 Curlew Place, is open Monday – Friday 7:30am – 4:30pm, and Saturday, 8:00am – 4:30pm, through September 4th.

**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 Martínez, 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/> and <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

**Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Program** This summer once again the Sacramento Ranger District will be hosting the YCC program. This will be the third year that a YCC program will work out of this district. It has been a great opportunity for Frank Martinez, District Ranger, as well as the resource staff to be able to have the young men and women help us out on resource conservation projects. Recruitment for this program has included the Cloudcroft High School, Alamogordo High School and Tularosa High School. Projects have included reclosing of old roads, wildfire rehabilitation, such as seeding, old fence removals, slash piling and timber sale area rehabilitation.

The Lincoln National Forest has taken project funds and allocated funding to this YCC program. Last year we had six enrollees and this year we are hoping to sustain the same number of positions.

Frank Martinez has always liked supporting YCC programs and considers us fortunate to have that opportunity here on Sacramento Ranger District. The resource conservation experience we can provide a few youth in our community is a once in a life time experience to some.

The biggest challenge to a successful program is in having a program field supervisor that can work with 15-17 year olds. The program is eight weeks long with the field supervisor being on for ten weeks. Due to the length of the program it becomes difficult to find an individual whose summer plans meet this need. The program starts the first week of June. The recruitment starts in February or so and the selections are made the first part of May so that the individuals have time to accept the job offer, and prepare for the start date. If the selected individuals turn down the offer then alternates will be called up to fill in the vacancy.

At the end of the program there will be a small reception, to include the parents and the individuals in the schools that helped us in the recruitment. At this reception Frank Martinez will ask the participants to give a short briefing about the projects they worked on and what they learned from those projects.

## Variety of Uncommon Tree Killers Emerge

by Dennis Dwyer, Silviculturist

Drought driven stress across the Sacramento Mountains is leading to tree mortality caused by a host of usually uncommon forest insect pests. As effects of drought drive deeper and deeper into the forest, ecological "bottle necks" surface with unpredictable consequences.

New Mexico Fir Looper is a moth that very little is known about. The larvae (caterpillar) of this insect, which crawls like an inch-worm, feeds upon the needles of white fir and Douglas-fir. The results are quite dramatic as all the needles of a whole forest of these trees disappear. The trees are not dead yet and will bud out the next season. In doing so, they expose themselves to a repeated defoliation. If defoliation occurs over a course of three or four years in a row, death of the tree can occur. The environment counters such outbreaks with build-ups of parasitic insects and other agents that will eventually crash the looper population.

Currently the looper is beginning its third year of outbreak on the Sacramento Ranger District. The outbreak started above Bluff Springs in the Rio Penasco River Canyon. It has

moved along the north facing slopes into Bear and Hubble Canyons. With each reoccurring episode of defoliation, more and more trees will succumb. It seems to be contained on the northerly aspects where its host (fir trees) is abundant. Containment also seems to be taking place in the upper canyons as the loopers are stopping at the aspen mosaics that exist at these elevations.

Fir Engraver Beetle was an infamous killer of white fir in the Pacific Northwest during their latest drought in the 1990's. Attacks have been noted in the Sacramento's but had remained relatively uncommon although past epidemics coincided with periods of drought. This year, mortality from engraver has emerged across both Smokey Bear and Sacramento Ranger Districts. The beetles are opportunists that sense and attack trees under stress. Mature, full-crowned white firs are not immune to the attack but sufficient numbers of host species (white fir) are required to fuel a full blown outbreak. Pure stands of white fir are not abundant on the Forest.

Douglas-fir Beetle is a relative of the bark beetles that infest pines in the Sacramento Mountains. Although only small areas of mortality have been discovered to date, this pest could be our greatest fear if an epidemic were to explode. Its host, stressed Douglas-fir, is the primary mixed conifer species across our mountain range. For whatever reason, no large-scale outbreak of this insect has ever been documented on the Lincoln. All of these pests as well as the more common pests not mentioned here, have specific tree preferences. Although our forest is too dense, and too dry, and highly susceptible to fire, it does have a rich mixture of species. That mix is what can make the difference between small endemic outbreaks and an outbreak that can destroy a whole forest elsewhere. Resilience is a symptom of diversity - a healthy symptom.

For further information please contact either: Debra Allen-Reid, Forest Pest Management at 505-842-3286 or Dennis Dwyer, Forest Silviculturist at 505-682-2551).

## Sacramento River Road Project

Work is progressing on the Sacramento River road. They have completed burning the piles left from the first construction project and will be starting on the retaining walls soon. They are building the box culverts and corrugated pipe culverts and will then start the earthwork on the south end of the job. If anyone has comments or questions, please notify Nancy Taylor, Lincoln National Forest Supervisor's office at 434-7375.

**Off Highway Vehicles** Our district office receives many inquiries on the use of OHV's, especially all terrain vehicles (ATV's) or what some call 4-wheelers on Forest Service land. The Sacramento district has 235 miles of trail, of which 80 percent are considered mechanized for ATV's and motorcycles under 50 inches in width. Some trails, however, are more suited for motorcycles due to the width or slope of the trail itself. New Mexico state motor vehicle laws apply also on Forest Service roads, meaning only "street legal" motorized vehicles that are registered and operated by a licensed driver are allowed. ATV users are advised to check with their local Forest Service office for the trails/roads that best suit their needs.

**Slash Pit Schedule** The slash pit area located on Highway 244 near the junction of Highway 82 will be open Friday, June 11th,

Saturday, June 19th and Friday, June 25th during the hours of 9am to 3pm. Remember, the slash pit only accepts slash

created from pruning trees and shrubs as well as leaves, pine needles and other natural yard waste. 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. Should this area become full and require burning, we may have to be closed on one of the above dates. Please call the district office prior to the date to ensure we will be open.

**Campgrounds** Recreation Resource Management, the concessionaire operating the campgrounds and picnic sites on the Sacramento District has opened all available areas to the public for the summer season. Individual campsites will be available on a first come first serve basis. Please call our district office at 682-2551 for further information.

**Fuelwood Areas** Three fuelwood areas are currently open to the public. **James**

**Ridge** (16 Springs Road area) – mixed species, 4 cords for \$20; **16 Springs** (16 Springs Road area) – mixed species, 4 cords for \$20; and **Bible** (Miller Flats) – pinon/juniper, 2 cords for \$20.

Please contact the District Office for permits, maps, and the most current information on these areas.

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 more information.

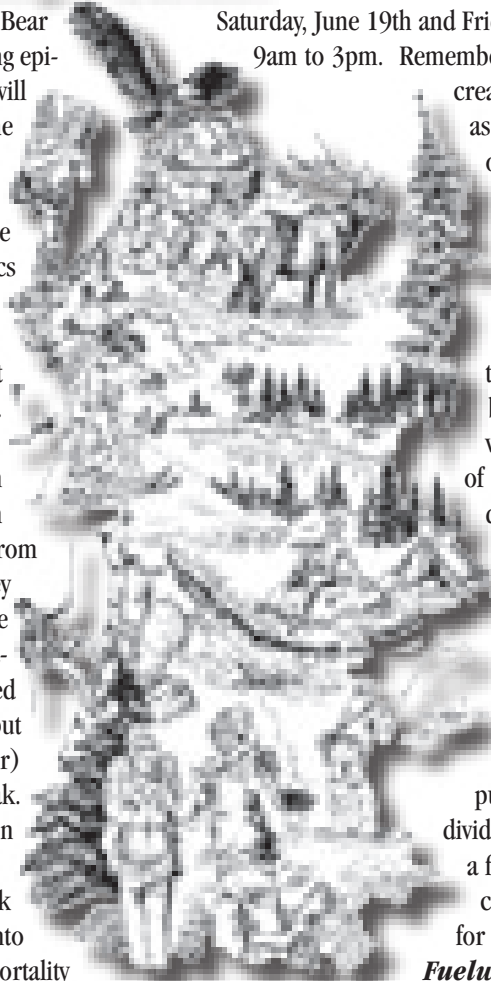
**Hunting and Fishing** Many outdoor enthusiasts visiting the Lincoln National Forest for the first time may be looking for hunting and fishing opportunities. Many big game hunting licenses must be applied for through a lottery system with the

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 "Dave's Guns", "K-Mart" and "Wal-Mart". Hunting and fishing proclamations for the 2004-2005 year are also available at these locations and our district office.

**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. If you must cross land administered by the Lincoln National Forest to get to your private property (surrounded by Federal land and no public road accesses) call the Ranger Station and speak to Marcie Stokes.

**Recreation** The National Recreation Reservation Service is taking reservations for the following Group Campgrounds: Aspen, Black Bear, Lower Fir, Slide and Upper Fir.

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## Household Trash Big Temptation for Black Bears

May 10 - It's springtime and that means New Mexico's black bears are coming out of hibernation.

It also means the problems associated with improper handling of household trash, bird feeders and barbecue grills are just beginning.

So far this year the Department has received several calls as bears, fresh out of their dens, begin their search for food. Normally in spring bears feed on newly greening grasses, insects that are just appearing and occasionally carrion that they may find. But too often what they find is garbage.

Officials are once again reiterating that many times people cause the problem.

Rick Winslow, bear biologist for the Department, expressed concern that early habituation of bears to people and their garbage many times has dire consequences for the bear.

"According to Department policy, if a bear is trapped three times by the Department, that third time the bear is killed," said Winslow.

Household trash with melon rinds and other fragrant offerings represent easy meals to bears. Winslow said people really need to keep their trash cans in the garage or inside a closed metal shed.

### OTHER STEPS TO FOLLOW

- Feed your pets indoors or bring any leftover food indoors.
- Bring in birdseed and hummingbird feeders each night.
- Keep barbecue grills inside.

A law that Department officers expect to enforce this year makes it illegal for anyone, intentionally or through negligence, to cause a nuisance animal problem by baiting, feeding or enticing animals into an area.

That would include garbage that attracts a bear into an area where it causes a nuisance or safety problem.

Give the bears a break, handle your trash responsibly.

## Outdoor Expo Draws 1,500 Enthusiasts

May 24 - A total of 1,500 participants took part in New Mexico Outdoor EXPO May 15-16, learning new outdoor skills or polishing old ones. The most popular events were .22 rifle, archery and rock climbing. Other events include shotgun, muzzleloader and casting.

This year's event was a success not only because of the increased number of participants but the overall quality of the experience. The demonstrations, exhibits and events gave par-

ticipants plenty to do.

At the shotgun range, an 8-year-old participant told an instructor he was an expert because this was his third year shooting at EXPO.

"We went through about 20,000 rounds of ammunition at the .22 range," said volunteer instructor Jim Hirsch. "There were people who never shot a gun before and it was a safe, fun environment for them to learn."

One popular demonstration was the fishing tank, a 4,000-gallon aquarium that housed a wide variety of fish from bass to trout. The clear sides of the tank gave viewers an opportunity to see how fish responded to various lures and flies.

Next year the Department expects to grow on this year's event and expose more people to New Mexico's great outdoors and outdoor recreation. Tentative dates for next year's event is -

May 14-15, 2005

For more information, call 505-841-8881 or visit [www.wildlife.state.nm.us/](http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/).

## California Doctor Pays \$3,638 for Residency Fraud

May 24 - A California doctor pleaded guilty in Santa Fe Magistrate Court May 20th to 13 counts of making a fraudulent statement to procure a resident hunting license in New Mexico.

In a plea agreement with Department of Game and Fish officers, Raul Labrada Miranda, 55, of San Juan Capistrano, California, will pay \$400 on eight of the 13 charges for a total of \$3,200 to Operation Game Thief and \$438 in court costs. Miranda also will serve 364 days unsupervised probation. Officers were alerted to Miranda's activities by an Operation Game Thief report.

"He had been applying as a New Mexico resident since 1999," said John Martsh, Albuquerque district wildlife officer who investigated the case. "We went back through all the documentation and checked with adjacent states — he applied in Arizona as a nonresident using his California address."

Miranda applied for 28 hunts from 1999-2003 and was drawn for four: a 2001 elk hunt, a 2002 javelina hunt, a 2001 deer hunt and a 2000 javelina hunt. He purchased the four licenses as a New Mexico resident.

The Department had assistance from U.S. Fish and Wildlife agents and California Fish and Game officers investigating the case in California. When Miranda was

confronted with the charges, he signed a sworn statement and requested a plea agreement with New Mexico.

"He told us he was losing sleep and couldn't think straight and wanted to arrange for the plea agreement," said Martsh.

The Department of Game and Fish will pursue the license revocation process, said Chris Chadwick, Albuquerque district wildlife supervisor. "Each count carries 20 points toward revocation."

Not only does Miranda face revocation in New Mexico, he potentially could lose hunting and fishing rights in the other 17 states that are members of the Wildlife Violators Compact — including California.

"John (Martsh) worked this case from the beginning," said Chadwick. "It's a time-consuming, often tedious process but he did a good job."

Operation Game Thief is a program that allows citizens to provide confidential information about game law violations to the Department. The toll-free number is 432-GAME (432-4263) and informants receive rewards ranging from \$250 - \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of wildlife violators.


## Boat Ramp Open at Eagle Nest Lake

May 24 - The new boat ramp at Eagle Nest Lake is open and ready for Memorial Day weekend. The 3-lane ramp cost \$123,000 and is 210 feet long, 30 feet wide with a 12 1/2 percent grade.

"Boaters are advised to use caution at the bottom of the ramp because the water level is still quite low," said Dan Williams, public information officer for New Mexico State Parks.

The old ramp was torn out and replaced using state and federal funding allocated for boating improvement projects, said Williams.

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## Global Protection for Seahorses to Take Effect this Month

May 15 - The United States will join more than 160 nations this month in implementing new permit requirements for global trade in seahorses.

Designed to promote international seahorse conservation efforts, the regulations take effect on May 15, 2004.

Issued under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES), an agreement that regulates and monitors trade in animals and plants through a system of permits, the implementation of new measures was delayed for 18 months. This delay was to allow countries that harvest seahorses adequate time to assess seahorse population levels, establish management plans, and determine appropriate levels of trade.

"The protection of seahorses and other marine species is a growing concern," said Service Director Steve Williams. "The United States and its CITES partners are working together to ensure that trade in these unique fish can continue without threatening their long-term survival."

Global seahorse trade involves the harvest of millions of fish each year. Most are dried and used whole or in compounds as traditional medicine to treat a variety of disorders. Hundreds of thousands of seahorses are also collected live for sale in the aquarium trade.

CITES member nations agreed to place all seahorse species on the treaty's Appendix II at their last meeting in November 2002. Although animals and plants listed on this appendix are not currently threatened with extinction, they may become imperiled without appropriate measures to ensure that trade is sustainable.

Under the new rules, shipments of seahorses that are traded live for home aquarium display and dead as curios and traditional medicine must be accompanied by a permit from the country of origin or re-export. Such permits confirm that the seahorses were legally acquired and that the trade being authorized does not represent a threat to the species' survival in the wild.

Americans visiting other countries who buy seahorse curios or dried seahorses for medicinal use may still be able to bring limited quantities (generally, no more than eight items) home with them for personal use.

Travelers, however, should first check with CITES authorities in the country they are visiting since some nations require that permits be obtained for all exports of CITES-listed species, including individually purchased tourist souvenirs made from Appendix II wildlife.

Sea horses can be found in shallow coastal tropical and temperate waters worldwide. With more than 30 different known species, seahorses range in size from 3/4 to 12 inches. The proximity of their habitat to land makes them vulnerable to such threats as pollution, dredging, and trawling.

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Proposes Regulations Governing Revocation of Incidental Take Permits

May 25 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today re-proposed regulations regarding incidental take permits that are granted under the Endangered Species Act. The regulations outline the circumstances under which these permits can be revoked.

The Service grants incidental take permits to landowners who have voluntarily agreed to develop Habitat Conservation Plans. These plans, or HCPs, provide a framework for landowners to conserve threatened and endangered species on their property. In return, the permits give landowners authorization for incidental take of listed species resulting from their otherwise lawful development or land use activities.

The regulations governing revocation of incidental take permits were first published in June 1999. But a U.S. District Court judge for the District of Columbia ruled the Service had violated the Administrative Procedure Act by failing to provide the public with an adequate opportunity to comment. To address the court ruling the Service is simultaneously withdrawing the permit revocation regulations per the court and publishing a proposed rule in the May 25, 2004 Federal Register that provides notice to the public and requests comments on

the re-proposed regulations for revoking incidental take permits for Habitat Conservation Plans.

While the Service has not revoked an incidental take permit associated with an HCP to date, the proposed rule clarifies the very limited circumstances when this could happen. This proposed rule would allow the Service to revoke an incidental take permit only if take of listed species caused by the permitted activity will appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery in the wild of one or more of the covered species.

Specifically, the Service is seeking comments on:

1. the re-proposed regulations for revoking incidental take permits issued in conjunction with Habitat Conservation Plans;
2. the relationship between the re-proposed regulations and the No Surprises regulations – which give landowners assurances that the Service will not ask for any further mitigation once a permit for a Habitat Conservation Plan is issued; and,
3. whether the revocation standard in 50 CFR 13.28(a)(5), or some other revocation standard would be more appropriate for incidental take permits with No Surprises assurances.

## U.S. Fish and Wildlife Publishes Updated List of Candidates for Endangered Species Act Listing

May 4 - The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today published a revised list of species of plants and animals that may warrant protection under the Endangered Species Act, including 26 new candidate species added since the Candidate Notice of Review was last published in 2002.

If the Service has sufficient information to propose listing a species as threatened or endangered, but is precluded from taking action by other, higher listing priorities, the species becomes a candidate species.

The Service publishes an updated Candidate Notice of Review primarily to solicit new information on the status of candidate species and threats to their survival. Service biologists rely on a variety of sources for the scientific determination of whether a species may warrant listing under the Act, including information from private, university and government scientists, local, State and Federal land management and planning agencies and private citizens.

The Notice also informs the public about species the Service is considering proposing for protection, and it encourages conservation

of candidate species. In addition, the Notice includes 24 domestic animal species that have already been proposed for addition to the list of endangered and threatened wildlife and plants, but for which a final listing determination has not been made. A proposal undergoes public review and comment before a final decision is made.

"The candidate list is an important tool, helping to identify imperiled species and focusing attention on the need to conserve them before they have to receive Endangered Species Act protection. By working to recover these species now, in partnership with states, local communities and individuals, we can implement flexible, cost-effective conservation measures that put them on the road to recovery," said Service Director Steve Williams.

The Service has removed 19 species from the Candidate Species List since the lists were last revised in 2002: One species was removed because currently available information does not support a listing proposal; Four species were removed because the proposal to list them was withdrawn; Fourteen proposed species became listed as endangered.

The list of candidates and proposed species appear in the Federal Register. Species added to the candidate list since 2002 are listed below.

### Species Added to the Candidate List Since 2002

#### Animals, Fish and Insects -

- \*Fisher, West Coast Population
- \*Kittlitz's Murrelet
- \*Xantus' Murrelet
- \*Mountain Yellow-Legged Frog
- \*Segment Yosemite Toad
- \*Round Ebonyshell Mussel
- \*Southern Kidneyshell Mussel
- \*Narrow Pigtoe Mussel
- \*Southeast Southern Sandshell Mussel
- \*Fuzzy Pigtoe Mussel
- \*Choctaw Bean Mussel
- \*Tapered Pigtoe Mussel
- \*Rayed Bean Mussel
- \*Sheepnose Mussel
- \*Spectaclecase Mussel
- \*Coleman Cave Beetle
- \*Fowler's Cave Beetle
- \*Insular Cave Beetle
- \*Soothsayer Cave Beetle
- \*Noblett's Cave Beetle
- \*Nevores Spring Naucorid Bug

#### Plants -

- \*Hala Pepe
- \*Brand's Phacelia
- \*Churchill Narrows Buckwheat
- \*Orcutt's Hazardia
- \*Everglades Bully

### Species Removed From the Candidate List Since 2002

- \*Pygmy Rabbit
- \*Mountain Plover
- \*California Tiger Salamander
- \*Legged Frog
- \*Coastal Cutthroat Trout
- \*Tumbling Creek Cavesnail
- \*Carson wandering Skipper
- \*Ambrosia
- \*Fox
- \*Large-flowered Woolly Meadowfoam

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## Forest Fires and Prescribed Burns ...Continued

### THE PEPPIN FIRE as of May 30th at 7am

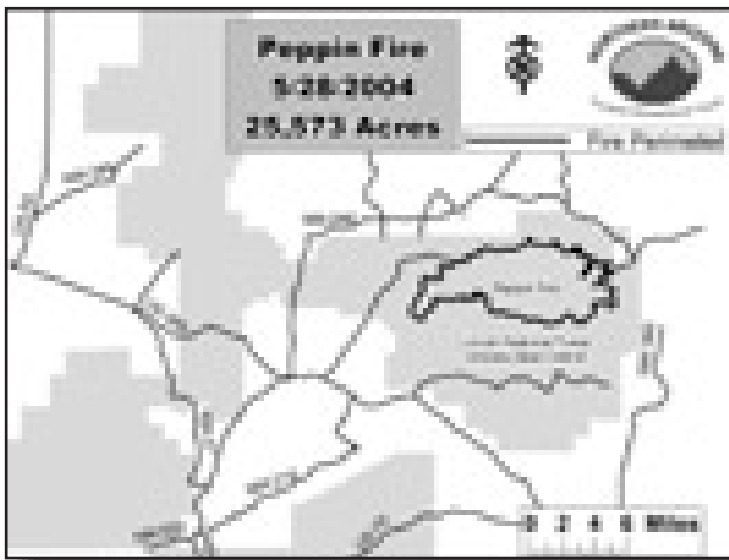
The Peppin Fire started on May 10th and was reported May 15th. It is located six miles northeast of Capitan, New Mexico. The official cause of the fire is lightning.

As of May 30th, the fire the fire is 30% contained and has burned 29,000 acres of mixed conifers, Ponderosa Pine, Pinyon and Juniper. These were heavy fuels, with lots of dead and down material and beetle-killed trees.

Working on the fire at this point in time are 5 helicopters, 2 Single Engine Airtankers (SEATs), 25 fire engines, 4 dozers, 12 Hotshot crews (Type 1 crews), 2 hand crews, and 19 water tenders for a total of about 654 total personnel. So far the fire has cost about \$2,221,000. Twelve cabins and several outbuildings were destroyed in Pine Lodge.

About 5 miles of line were completed yesterday, leaving an estimated 5 miles left to build. Yesterday's high winds pushed the fire toward the lines in several areas. An area of concern was near the structures just to the north of Arabela. In order to help protect those structures, firefighters completed burnout operations using hand ignition yesterday morning. While the structures north of Arabela are not out of danger, incident managers believe that the danger has lessened and that burnout operations were successful. Incident managers plan to begin large-scale burnout operations today using aerial ignition (helicopter). Aerial ignition will begin near Mystic Ranch north of Arabela toward Sunset Peak. Burnout operations will result in the production of large amounts of smoke and a significant increase in total acreage burned. Local residents should be aware that a smoke column will be highly visible throughout burnout operations.

The situation will have changed by the time you read this – for updated info go to [www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/fire).



## Fire Restrictions ...Continued

The Village of Ruidoso, Cloudcroft and other surrounding mountain communities look forward to the public visiting during this time of the year. Camping, hiking, bike riding or enjoying a relaxing picnic within the local area or within the Lincoln National Forest can be a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

### The Following Have Approved Campfire Facilities

\*Smokey Bear Ranger District – South Fork, Three Rivers, Oak Grove, and Cedar Creek Campgrounds, and Cedar Creek Picnic Area.

\*Sacramento Ranger District – Apache, Aspen, Black Bear, Deerhead, Lower Fir, Upper Fir, Pines, Saddle, Silver, Silver Overflow, Sleepy Grass and Slide Campgrounds, and Sleepy Grass and Trestle Picnic Areas.

The City of Alamogordo, Bonito Lake Recreation Area will also implement fire restrictions beginning June 1, 2004, for the West Lake, Blue Hole and Apple Orchard areas.

The city of Ruidoso Downs Mayor Bob Miller and Public Safety Chief, Robert Logan has not implemented fire restrictions but is monitoring the situation.

"The Memorial Day weekend is one of the year's most popular times to recreate within our National Forest System lands," said Lincoln National Forest Fire Management Officer, Paul Schmidtke. "Please remember to never leave a fire you create unattended. I would like to remind all visitors to practice fire safety when on the Lincoln or any other public lands. Please be careful with all fires," said Schmidtke.

How can we ensure the public's safety so everyone can enjoy the Memorial Day weekend? If you plan to create a fire, always have a bucket of water and a shovel on-hand. Ensure that your fire is completely extinguished before leaving your campsite. Stir the embers or charcoal briquettes, pour water over them and stir the area repeatedly until it is cool to the touch.

As always, fireworks are prohibited on all national forest system lands.

For additional information, please contact the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at (505)257-4095, Monday through Saturday, 7:30am to 4:30pm, or the Sacramento Ranger District Office at (505)682-2551, between 7:30am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and Saturday from 8:00am to 4:30pm. For more information on fire or the Lincoln National Forest, please checkout our website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln).

*Note - Remember that even though we get some early moisture it doesn't mean that the restrictions are lifted. Check with the Forest Service!*

## "Girl Talk" with Laquita Hunter It's Not My Fault... I Didn't Do It!

He murdered six people in a public restaurant and he states he did it because he was abused as a child. It wasn't his fault. His parents were to blame.

He robbed a convenience store because he was denied candy when he was growing up. He's not to blame for his actions, after all, if his parents had given him candy on a regular basis, he wouldn't have to steal it now. She blames her parents, her husband, financial difficulty, etceteras for a bad marriage and tells her husband that it is his fault, not hers, that they are getting a divorce.

We have all heard similar stories and some of these excuses for crime, cruelty, and failure in life are ridiculous. It's called the blame game and it is as old as time itself.

Society and the media are telling us that we are not to blame for the way life happens to us, especially if the way life is happening to us is negative. But, of course, we are encouraged to take all the credit when good things come our way.

It's McDonald's fault if we become overweight.

Never mind the fact that we may eat there four times a week. It is the tobacco company's fault if we get lung cancer after 40 years of smoking 2 packs a day. Not to worry - we can always sue. In doing so, we can make sure that someone else also pays for our lack of taking responsibility for our actions.

I have become very tired of hearing the excuses and the accusations and the blame game being played out in so many arenas. Life certainly is not always a bowl of cherries for any of us. We all have had our share of abuses, tragedies,

losses. Each and every one of us could blame someone else for something ugly and painful in our lives, but what's the use of it? What would that change?

Basically, blaming others only adds bitterness and unforgiveness to already overloaded emotions. I read an interesting article in "The Reader's Digest" the other day on forgiveness. The article stated something to the effect that forgiving someone else releases stress in us. Forgiving someone doesn't mean that we accept or condone what they may have done to us. It means that we can release the burden of unforgiving, negative thoughts toward that person and go on with our lives in more productive ways.

Blaming others is in effect unforgiveness and the result of blaming and unforgiveness is not only bitterness, but a lack of joy and positive productivity. I have noticed that when I take the responsibility for my actions not only do I feel better for having done so, but the issue is usually over and done with and I can get on with other things. On the other hand, I have noted that when I have blamed someone else for my actions a negative feeling about the situation continues to linger and I seem to be immobilized.

As parents one of the greatest gifts we can leave with our children is to teach them to take responsibility for their actions. Where is the shame in saying "I did it", if in fact one is guilty? The greater shame is in denying responsibility.

Along with owning up to one's actions comes the ability of saying "I'm sorry". These two little words are heard less and less in our society today. It seems we have assessed weakness to these words when in reality it takes great courage to be able to say "I'm sorry" when an apology is due.

Just think for a moment what a difference could be made in the entire world if everyone would take responsibility for their actions and be willing to say I'm sorry when an apology is due!

## EMS Provider of the Year... Continued

We respectfully submit our MENTOR, ADVISOR, ADVOCATE, and CHERISHED FRIEND, for "EMS Provider of the year".

This dear lady became an EMT in 1982 with the first group in our community seeking to become EMT Basics. She has continuously served to this day and was director of the department for many of those years.

Her dedication to EMS has been a continuing inspiration to not only our department, but those of surrounding communities as well.

She has been tireless as a mentor in our department, sought out as an advisor on health issues in our community, and has been an advocate for updating and improving our service.

She has been and continues to be an inspiration to each and every member of our service.

Though she is no longer a "Spring Chicken", you will find her at every call giving of her expertise and

warm generosity. We LOVE our "Senior EMT", Chris Murtishaw

The following members of Timberon EMS owe a great deal to, and wish to share her with Region Three; EMTB's Louise Kennedy, Danelle Ross, Shantel Keune, Stuart Brown, and Sid Benson as well as 1st Responders Ken Bradshaw, Dick Dysart, Mary Jane Davis, Kris Wheeler, Joe Wheeler, Eva Tannehill, Tom Tannehill, Richard Rodriguez, Thelma Hanson, Cindy Moore, Arden Schug, Rose Smith and Lin Foster.

Do you have a photo from your hunt in the Sacramento Mountains and want to share it? Send it in to the paper and we will put it in!

A long time resident of Timberon, Chris is well known and loved throughout the community and is much deserving of the award she received.

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## Argentina-Bonito-Big Bear Canyon Closure

May 26 – The Lincoln National Forest (LNF) will implement a Travel Restriction Order, effective 8am, Wednesday, May 26, which will remain in force until rescinded prohibiting, possessing or operating an Off Road Vehicle (ORV) or Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) on the following Forest Roads and Trails: National Forest System Road 107 (Bonito Canyon Road) from its intersection with National Forest System Road 108 (Tanbark Canyon) westerly to the end of the road; the entirety of National Forest System Road 107A (Big Bear Canyon); and the unnamed road used for dispersed camping access south of National Forest System Road 107. A map is available at the Forest Service Office for review.

Since the LNF Land Management Plan was implemented in 1987, the policy has been that motorized travel is limited to designated roads and trails. Cross-country vehicle use is not permitted except for camping or parking up to 300 feet on either side of the designated road or trail.

For more information on the Lincoln National Forest, OHV use, and other recreation opportunities, please check out our website at: [www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln](http://www.fs.fed.us/r3/lincoln), or visit the Smokey Bear Ranger District Office at 901 Mechem Drive, Ruidoso, or call (505) 257-4095, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm.



## Memorial Day and the VFW

by Pat Rand

Cloudcroft VFW Post 11999 has set aside Memorial Day as a date to remember those who have served our country in one of the military branches during their lifetime, and have now passed on. Members place American flags at the graves of former service personnel who are buried in area cemeteries.

The post, which was organized and held its first meeting on November 23, 2002, began the flag ceremony on Memorial Day last year, and plans to have this be an annual event. The graves that receive the flags are those with military headstones, which are easily identified, and those that have been pointed out as belonging to veterans.

If you are aware of a friend or relative who was a veteran, but whose grave might be overlooked because of the lack of military headstone, please contact VFW Post 11999 Commander Doug Clark - 682-3078, or Quartermaster Jack H. Smith - 682-7460. Other Post 11999 officers include Vice-Commander Matt Howard, and Jr. Vice-Commander Brian Pantier.

If you served in the military in an overseas assignment, during WW II, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, Afghanistan or Iraq, you should be eligible for membership in the VFW. If you are interested, you can check with the officers listed above, and they can give you the requirements for membership.

## Tomb of the Unknown Soldier ...Facts and Other Interesting Information

Interesting facts about the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Sentinels of the Third United States Infantry Regiment "Old Guard"

1. How many steps does the guard take during his walk across the tomb of the Unknowns and why? ...21 steps. It alludes to the twenty-one gun salute, which is the highest honor given any military or foreign dignitary.
2. How long does he hesitate after his about face to begin his return walk and why? ...21 seconds for the same reason as answer number 1.
3. Why are his gloves wet? ...His gloves are moistened to prevent his losing his grip on the rifle.
4. Does he carry his rifle on the same shoulder all the time, and if not, why not? ...No, he carries the rifle on the shoulder away from the tomb. After his march across the path, he executes an about face, and moves the rifle to the outside shoulder.
5. How often are the guards changed? ...Guards are changed every thirty minutes, twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.
6. What are the physical traits of the guard limited to? ...For a person to apply for guard duty at the tomb, he must be between 5' 10" and 6' 2" tall and his waist size cannot exceed 30".

### Other Requirements of the Guard

They must commit 2 years of life to guard the tomb, live in a barracks under the tomb, and cannot drink any alcohol on or off duty FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES. They cannot swear in public FOR THE REST OF THEIR LIVES and cannot disgrace the uniform {fighting} or the tomb in any way.

After TWO YEARS, the guard is given a wreath pin that is worn on their lapel signifying they served as guard of the tomb. There are only 400 presently worn. The guard must obey these rules for the rest of their lives or give up the wreath pin.

The shoes are specially made with very thick soles to keep the heat and cold from their feet. There are metal heel plates that extend to the top of the shoe in order to make the loud

click as they come to a halt. There are no wrinkles, folds or lint on the uniform. Guards dress for duty in front of a full-length mirror.

The first SIX MONTHS of duty a guard cannot talk to anyone, nor watch TV. All off duty time is spent studying the 175 notable people laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery. A guard must memorize who they are and where they are interred. Among the notables are: President Taft, Joe E. Lewis {the boxer} and Medal of Honor winner Audie Murphy, {the most decorated soldier of WWII} of Hollywood fame. Every guard spends FIVE HOURS A DAY getting his uniforms ready for guard duty.

### The Sentinels Creed

My dedication to this sacred duty is total and wholehearted. In the responsibility bestowed on me never will I falter. And with dignity and perseverance my standard will remain perfection. Through the years of diligence and praise and the discomfort of the elements, I will walk my tour in humble reverence to the best of my ability. It is he who commands the respect I protect. His bravery that made us so proud. Surrounded by well meaning crowds by day alone in the thoughtful peace of night, this soldier will in honored glory rest under my eternal vigilance.

### More Interesting Facts About the Tomb of the Unknowns Itself

The marble for the Tomb of the Unknowns was furnished by the Vermont Marble Company of Danby, Vermont. The marble is the finest and whitest of American marble, quarried from the Yule Marble Quarry located near Marble, Colorado and is called Yule Marble. The Marble for the Lincoln memorial and other famous buildings was also quarried there.

The Tomb consists of seven pieces of rectangular marble. Carved on the East side (the front of the Tomb, which faces Washington, D.C.) is a composite of three figures, commemorative of the spirit of the Allies of World War I. In the center of the panel stands Vic-

tory (female). On the right side, a male figure symbolizes Valor. On the left side stands Peace, with her palm branch to reward the devotion and sacrifice that went with courage to make the cause of righteousness triumphant. The north and south sides are divided into three panels by Doric pilasters. In each panel is an inverted wreath. On the west, or rear, panel (facing the Amphitheater) is inscribed:

**HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN  
AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD**

The first Tomb of the Unknown Soldier was a sub base and a base or plinth. It was slightly smaller than the present base. This was torn away when the present Tomb was started August 27, 1931. The Tomb was completed and the area opened to the public 9:15am April 9, 1932, without any ceremony. Cost of the Tomb was about \$48,000 and the sculptor was Thomas Hudson Jones.

### Interesting Commentary

The Third Infantry Regiment at Fort Myer has the responsibility for providing ceremonial units and honor guards for state occasions, White House social functions, public celebrations and interments at Arlington National Cemetery and standing a very formal sentry watch at the Tomb of the Unknowns.

The public is familiar with the precision of what is called "walking post" at the Tombs. There are roped off galleries where visitors can form to observe the troopers and their measured step and almost mechanically silent rifle shoulder changes. They are relieved every hour in a very formal drill that has to be seen to be believed.

Some people think that when the Cemetery is closed to the public in the evening that this show stops. First, to the men who are dedicated to this work, it is no show. It is a "charge of honor." The formality and precision continues uninterrupted all night. During the nighttime, the drill of relief and the measured step of the on duty sentry remain unchanged from the daylight hours. To these men, these special men, the continuity of this post is the key to the honor and respect shown to these honored dead, symbolic of all American unaccounted for American combat dead. The steady rhythmic step in rain, sleet, snow, hail, heat, cold, must be uninterrupted. Uninterrupted is the important part of the honor shown.

Recently, while you were sleeping, the teeth of hurricane Isabel came through this area and tore hell out of everything. We had thousands of trees down, power outages, traffic signals out, roads filled with downed limbs and "gear adrift" debris. We had flooding and the place looked like it had been the impact area of an off shore bombardment.

The Regimental Commander of the U.S. Third Infantry sent word to the nighttime Sentry Detail to secure the post and seek shelter from the high winds, to ensure their personal safety.

### THEY DISOBEYED THE ORDER!

During winds that turned over vehicles and turned debris into projectiles, the measured step continued. One fellow said "I've got buddies getting shot at in Iraq who would kick my butt if word got to them that we let them down. I sure as hell have no intention of spending my Army career being known as the damned idiot who couldn't stand a little light breeze and shirked his duty." Then he said something in response to a female reporters question regarding silly purposeless personal risk.... "I wouldn't expect you to understand. It's an enlisted man's thing." God bless the rascal... In a time in our nation's history when spin and total b.s. seem to have become the accepted coin-of-the-realm, there beat hearts - the enlisted hearts we all knew and were so damn proud to be a part of - that fully understand that devotion to duty is not a part time occupation. While we slept, we were represented by some damn fine men who fully understood their post orders and proudly went about their assigned responsibilities unseen, unrecognized and in the finest tradition of the American Enlisted Man. Folks, there's hope. The spirit that George S. Patton, Arleigh Burke and Jimmy Doolittle left us ... survives.

On the ABC evening news, it was reported recently that, because of the dangers from Hurricane Isabel approaching Washington DC, the military members assigned the duty of guarding the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier were given permission to suspend the assignment. They refused. "No way, Sir!"

Soaked to the skin, marching in the pelting rain of a tropical storm, they said that guarding the Tomb was not just an assignment; it was the highest honor that can be afforded to a service person. The tomb has been patrolled continuously, 24/7, since 1930. Very, very proud of our soldiers in uniform!

*This article was sent to the newspaper by Pat Rand, as it was sent to him!*

# Just Some Modern Solar Telescope Network's View of Venus Passage Will Help Students Use Web to Recall Historical Era

by Dave Dooling, National Solar Observatory



A global network of telescopes designed to watch the Sun's atmosphere pulsate will be pressed into service on June 8, to help students recreate early measurements of our solar system.

The observations will be made by the National Science Foundation's Global Oscillation Network Group (GONG). The National Solar Observatory operates GONG under contract to the NSF.

Three of GONG's six telescopes will record the silhouette of Venus as it crosses in front of the Sun. Transits once were the most valued of astronomical events, a rare chance for astronomers to size up the solar system. Today it is an opportunity to involve science teachers and students in studying both the Sun and mathematics and for everyone to appreciate this incredibly rare, and spectacular cosmic happening.

"The transit itself won't reveal anything new about the Sun," said Dr. John Leibacher, the GONG program director in Tucson, Arizona. "But it is of important practical use to us in establishing the precise orientation of the images taken with different GONG telescopes around the world."

GONG was designed to measure the pulsations of the visible surface of the Sun's atmosphere as it rings like a bell with millions of different harmonic notes. GONG has six stations around the world so it can always observe the Sun. A crucial aspect of analyzing their data is ensuring a seamless transition from one telescope to the next, with the north-south axis precisely aligned in each telescope, so it appears as if the data were taken by one, unblinking telescope.

The transit of Venus will provide a well-calibrated alignment marker that can easily be tracked by the GONG stations in Learmonth, Australia (from the start of the transit to local sunset), Udaipur, India (the entire transit), and Teide, the Canary Islands (local sunrise to the end of the transit). The other stations (Cerro Tololo, Chile; Big Bear, CA; and Mauna Loa, HA) will be in night during the entire transit.

Transits occur when Mercury or Venus passes between Earth and Sun. The timing is complex and depends on the motions of Earth and the other planet relative to the Sun. Transits of Venus are rare, only six times in the last four centuries. The last was 1882; the next are in 2012 and 2117.

GONG observed the transits of Mercury on November 15, 1999, and May 7, 2003. It was before the latter transit that French astronomers engaged GONG for an educational exercise.

"We were approached by a French colleague, Professor Gerbaldi of Paris," explained Dr. Cliff Toner, the GONG scientist who is spearheading the transit observations.

"She wanted to redo the work of a French expedition in the late 18th century to measure the scale of the solar system with modern data from this year's transit of Venus, and last year's transit of Mercury."

In the 17th century, pioneering work by Jeremiah Horrocks (English astronomer) and James Gregory (Scottish astronomer) demonstrated that the transits could be used to determine the Earth-Sun distance. In 1716 Sir Edmund Halley published "A new Method of determining the Parallax of the Sun, or his Distance from the Earth" by using many observational stations spread over the world to observe the transit of Venus. Halley was motivated by his own expedition to the South Atlantic in 1677 to observe the transit of Mercury. Several nations mounted expeditions in 1761 and 1769 to observe the transits of Venus and produced measures of the Earth-Sun distance. Using those data, Joseph Jérôme Lalande of France in 1771 calculated the Earth-Sun distance at 95 million miles, just 2 million miles off the correct

number, 92,750,680 miles. Today, radar ranging to the planets and tracking of deep space probes have relegated transits to reminders of the pioneering days of astronomy.

But you don't have to travel far to watch the transit if you will be on the night side of Earth. Leibacher explained that software has been developed for the GONG network computers to extract one image every 15 minutes from each site as Venus crosses the Sun and post the image in near real-time on the GONG web site.

Later, the GONG team will prepare an education CD-ROM with raw transit images taken every minute for a total of more than 790 images if the weather is perfect at all three sites.

"We'll provide the white-light images, so the students can learn what is the triangulation method and how to measure the Earth-Sun distance from planetary transits," Toner explained. Reproducing the timing aspect of the early experiments is not possible because each image will have an integration time of one minute, too long for making precise contact measurements of the sort that Halley and others sought.

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## TIMBERON LIONS PRIDE

The Timberon Lions Club has started several new ventures this past year. One of these new activities is The Lions Club Thrift Store. It is open most days. Some of them start about 10am and end around three, four or five, some of them end later. On days some of us have doctor's appointments it isn't open at all. This store is located in the Sims' Building by the Post Office. This Thrift Store has replaced the Lions Club Flea Market that was held on Labor Day Weekend.

The second of these ventures is our Community Dinners held at the Lions Hut once a month. So far this year we have had two, with a third one due on May 24, 2004. We start serving at 6:30pm. We would like to invite the Community to these as the funds are used for members of the community. So far this year we have purchased glasses for three members of the community. We hope if you need help with a sight problem you will feel free to call a member of the Timberon Lions Club.

We hold our meetings on the second Thursday of each month. The following dates will give you the days for meetings as well as our community dinners:

Meetings 7:30pm... June 10 July 8 August 12 September 9

Meetings 6:30pm... October 14 + 28 November 11 December 9 + 23

Dinners 6:30pm... June 21 July 19 August 23 September 20

We invite everyone to attend our meetings and see what we do. Our meetings are open to the public so join us sometime.

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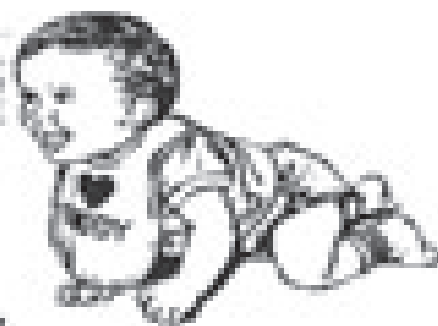
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## Saving Camp Mary White ...Continued

tion was held at the camp in June. Many of those attending had not seen CMW in 20 or more years. The time-worn structures caught the former campers' and staffs' attention. They organized the group and are working with Girl Scouts-Zia Council Inc., which owns the camp, to create a renovation plan.

The two non-profit organizations are looking at ways to raise money for repairs and to revitalize the camp's programming to attract more girls, Homer said.

The camp will be closed this summer while assessments and planning continue. Friends members say they cherish CMW's rustic setting because it's inextricably linked with the camp's heritage and programming. They want to preserve as much of the camp's original buildings and appearance while addressing improvements.

The Friends group includes people from 12 states, with the largest number in New Mexico and Texas. The backgrounds of the members is diverse. It includes homemakers, craftsmen, teachers, architects, biologists, medical professionals, artists and even a governor.

"I spent some of the happiest summers of my life at Camp Mary White," said Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano, Friends member. "Even now, I think back to the wonderful times at CMW: hikes through beautiful forests and canyons, Christmas in July, cookouts and campfires, singing Trees ... the list goes on," Napolitano said.

"We need to save CMW so that the next generation of girls can enjoy these wonderful, unique experiences."

Weed resident Debbie Stone said she's pleased to that former campers and staff are trying to revitalize the camp. "We need to preserve our local history," Stone said. "We need to get back to the basics, too, and help provide experiences that are good and clean and educational."

Camp Mary White is named for the daughter of rancher Elza White, who donated part of his land for the camp. "Miss Mary," as she was called all her life, served as camp director through most of the 1930s. She remained involved in the camp for decades, living just below CMW property on her family's Muleshoe Ranch. That's still owned by her niece, Sally Marsh, and husband Jack, of Las Cruces.

White's indomitable spirit, love of nature and desire to give girls the chance to learn and have fun in a nurturing environment is a legacy worth preserving, Friends members say. "Miss Mary was our original role model," Homer said. "And because she lived into very old age ... generations of girls listened to her words and aspired to have her strength and grace."

Turnbull, who was one of Napolitano's campers in the late 1970s, fondly recalled her experience in CMW's popular Pioneer unit. Longtime residents in the mountain may remember



Governor Richard C. Dillon at Camp Mary White in 1928. He was visiting for the dedication of the camp's new Emily Ingham Hall (referred to as the lodge)

seeing CMW's green covered wagon pulled by horses and driven along back roads. Girl Scouts used to hike alongside the wagon, singing songs on the way to camp sites.

"We made lye soap, churned butter and sewed sun bonnets," Turnbull said. "It was one of the best experiences a kid could have."

Homer said Friends needs to raise more than \$500,000 for repairs and improvements. Even so, members say they're hopeful that people from the region will see value in preserving the camp's heritage, and support the restoration.

Through the years, thousands of girls' lives have been enriched by their experiences at CMW, Zia officials say. The camp has always attracted girls from the region as well as from other states. Both Zia and Friends members want that legacy preserved for future generations.

"I can introduce a minimum of 125 (Friends members), and that number is growing, who will tell people that CMW played a positive, significant role in shaping their lives," said Homer, director of opera at the University of North Texas. "How can we let a place that has had such a positive and powerful impact on girls lives be lost?"

By Christine Carrier



### Grand Revitalization Kickoff "Renewing The Magic" at Camp Mary White

Saturday, June 5th from 1pm to 5pm

The newly formed Friends of Camp Mary White, a nonprofit group created to renovate the historic Girl Scout camp near Weed and Mayhill, invites area residents to attend the Grand Revitalization Kickoff June 5 at the camp. The event is free and open to the public.

The open house offers the rare opportunity to tour the scenic, 76-year-old camp. The facility normally is closed to the public. Old photos and camp memorabilia will be displayed, and history presentations offered. Refreshments will be served

Sacramento Mountain residents are encouraged to attend to learn about Friends of Camp Mary White's and Girl Scouts-Zia Council's plans to renovate the camp's 1928 lodge and buildings. The structures are worn with time and in need of repair.

"This camp has many known and unknown friends in the mountain community surrounding Camp Mary White. People in these mountains have helped us in a variety of ways over our many decades: some have been heroes in saving CMW from recent fires, others have assisted our girls in emergencies, many have come to camp to share knowledge and skills. We would like to reconnect or meet these special friends and have them with us as we begin our next era in Camp Mary White's long legacy. Please, come!

- Paula Homer, camp director 1977-1985  
President, Friends of Camp Mary White

Photo at top of Ad - Camp Mary White's lodge, Emily Ingham Hall, right after its construction. The lodge still looks like this, though it is in need of foundational improvements.

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## The Journal of Dera Victoria Hurst Wilcox

Dera Victoria Hurst Wilcox died September 17, 1935, at the age of 23. Below is part of her journal -

On the 16th of May, 1931, Cecil and I were married at 8:30pm. We stayed at Mother's till May 17th, then we went to our home on Mrs. Grandma Ising's place - where we lived there and made a little crop. We moved from there to Mrs. Nan Smith's place at Shive.

On April 21st (Thursday), 1932, at 2:30am a baby boy was born to our union which we named him Lester Bert.

We made just enough crop to barely get by. Then on December 22nd (Thursday), 1932 we moved to the Jim Henry farm 4 miles south of Star. We farmed and raised a few turkey, but it was so dry we didn't have much success.

On Friday, November 3rd 1933, at 1:00am another baby boy was born to our union which we named him Raymond Lyndol.

We remained there on that place until December 27, 1934 when we packed our trailer and went to Mother's and stayed until January 1, 1935 at 1pm when we left for La Luz, New Mexico for Cecil's health.

We went as far as Brownwood the first afternoon and stopped and spent the night with Callie and Lee Roy and stayed till the next day, January 2nd at noon and started out again.

We drove to Sweetwater by good dark and rented a Tourist Cabin and stayed there for the night.

We arose pretty early and drove to Roscoe and got our breakfast and started on our way. We made it in to Pecos City January 3rd about dusk dark. We rented us a Cabin and cooked our supper and sorty cleaned ourselves up a little and went to bed and had a good rest. We got up a little while before sun-up and cooked breakfast, ate it and then went on our way again. We drove to Red Bluff Texas by noon January 4th and went out to the Dam were building. We watched them work a while and

came back and drove on up the road.

We got to the line between Texas and New Mexico about 2:30pm. We drove to Hope New Mexico by dark, so we decided to drive on through. We got about a mile on the other side of Mayhill and had car trouble with the clutch. So we got out and backed the trailer out of the road and crawled up in it and went to sleep. We got up the next morning knowing not what to do. When the first car came along Cecil stopped it and got a ride back to Mayhill and got a mechanic to come get the car. So we left the trailer there and all went back to Mayhill to get the car fixed.

We rented another Cabin for me and the kids to stay in while they were working on the car. I spread coats and raps on the floor and got the boys to sleep and layed down and rested awhile myself, for I sure was tired, and by

the time we woke up and washed and put on clean clothes they almost had the car fixed. So with some impatient waiting, they finally got her ready to start again. So we packed everything in again and left there a little while before sundown January 5th.

We got to the trailer and hitched her on and on up to Cloudcroft we went. The road was plenty crooked and curvey. We got to Cloudcroft sometime during the nite. I don't know exactly what time, but maybe 8:30 or 9:00 o'clock. We stopped there and inquired our way to La Luz.

Now the scary part just begins: We drove about 25 steps and downhill did you say? And a bluff 100 or more feet high... and there we met a car, but we happened to be on the inside. It stopped, so we drove up till we scraped the side of the hill with our car. Then

the other car drove on and we went on downhill. I think I almost pushed the foot board out with my feet to try to help hold the car back, too. We met several cars, but not in as bad a place as the other one. But still there were some awful bluffs and crooks and turns. If it had been in daytime don't know what I would have done - maybe got out and walked. But anyway, we got down Safe and Sound. Got almost to La Luz and came to a forked road so we took the road to Tularosa and drove about 4 or 5 miles, decided we were on the wrong road, then turned around and came back to where we turned and drove not a half mile and there stood old La Luz. Now we stopped there and asked where Connie Henry lived and drove on to his house.

They were in bed... we hollered them out... so we stopped there for the night. It was January 5th (Saturday) at 10:30pm and plenty cold. We stayed with them till Tuesday, January 8th at about 4:00pm and then went over to Mr. Jim Henry's place out of La Luz about 2 miles and stayed with them till Saturday morning January 12th. When we left to come up in the hills of the Labecita Canyon on Connie's little farm and put up the tent, we went to living by ourselves again. We had a tough old time during all that cold weather with very little to eat. We lived in the tent 4 months and 13 days, and moved up the canyon about a mile and a half into a douby house May 25th. We sorty stay clean and live like white folks now and Cecil is working some and getting \$2 a day. We are hoping we can continue to do this well... till we get more able to do things.

*This story was sent to the paper by Lyndol Wilcox. If you send your family story in, there is a good chance it will get printed!*



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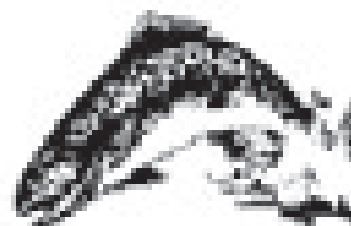
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# The Pioneer Story of Eugene and Dave McCrohan

From 1936 to 1940, during the great depression, the Federal Government operated a Writer's Project. Local authors interviewed pioneer citizens and then wrote a report of each interview. The Project's goal was to collect these oral histories, publish them, and then archive them. The result was a collection of oral histories of early settlers. These are now archived at the Library of Congress.

Ruby Mosely, a local author of San Angelo, Texas, interviewed Eugene and Dave McCrohan in 1936. Below is what she wrote:

Mr. Eugene McCrohan came from Ireland to Chicago in the early 40's and his wife Mrs. Isabelle Wilson McCrohan came from Scotland. They pioneered through all the states from Illinois to New Mexico, escaping wild animals and depredating Indians, as New Mexico seemed the wildest, that was the chosen place for settlement. The family increased several in number, Mr. Dave McCrohan was one of the younger children. He told me:

"I was only two years old when we moved to Texas and settled in the Concho Country but I have a good recollection of the men quarrying rock to build Old Fort Concho", says Mr. Dave McCrohan of San Angelo, Texas. "We located just below the old Butterfield mail station.

"When the fort was completed and the soldiers were stationed in the fort my father furnished them with milk from his dairy. There were a number of soldiers' families living near here when I came. The permanent families consisted of Frank Tankersley, Jim DeLong and the [Burltson?] family. Frank Tankersley came three years before I did.

"There was no towns with the exception of country stores, closer than San Antonio. Menard, and Fort McKavett had a Government Store, the same as Fort Concho.

"There was no San Angelo in those days but a little later W. F. Veck put up a saloon in a big tent where San Angelo is today. Ben Ficklin town did not exist, it was a farm worked and plowed by Ben. There were no schools nearer than San Antonio. So you can imagine what ignorance and hardships existed in those pioneering days. "Indians were still depredating this Concho area when we moved here so we built a log house with a dugout beneath it to sleep in for protection from the redskins which made several attacks. When they came the first one that saw them shouted, 'The Indians are coming!' We ran for the dugout as you have seen wild animals run at the sight of a gun or dog. Father always got the gun and when it was fired they made their get-a-way. If father was gone when the attack was made mother mustered the gun, to make believe durable protection, then father always found us safe and secure on his return.

"I remember one time my father was alone during one of the raids, he shot several times and killed one Indian and probably others. The old custom of theirs was to take the dead with them. I guess they wanted to save the scalp. They did not get the horses this time. "The Indians made another attack, their motive was always to get the horses. This time no damage was done except killing our dogs. One dog had two arrows through his stomach, while the other was struck by one arrow. We boys grieved over this as much as if it had been the horses.

"The Indians really put one by us one night. My father and Mr. Jerry Schade tied our horses just as thick as they could stick around in a circle and made their bed in this circle. They told my brother and me to go up on the hill to sleep. That night the Indians came, got every dad-blasted one of our horses, and put a

jackass in the stockades. Not one of us woke up.

This was really a neat job, you don't know how we felt that morning when we were awakened by the braying of the donkey.

"There were lots of little mustang ponies but they weren't worth nothing, so we never caught them. Horse traders came through the country once in a while, let's see, we bought old Jerry, Blue Dog, Diamond and old Grey, that's about as many horses as we kept as long as Indians were raidin'. We only had about thirty or forty sections of land leased from the government and didn't need many horses.

"One time a man was coming to our ranch and got a little drunk on his way. The Indians killed him, drank the remainder of his whisky and placed the bottle on his breast after taking his scalp. The soldiers went out but didn't catch the Indians. The last hostile Indians were seen in about 1875.

"The Indians rated according to the number of scalps they collected. The chief always had more than the others.

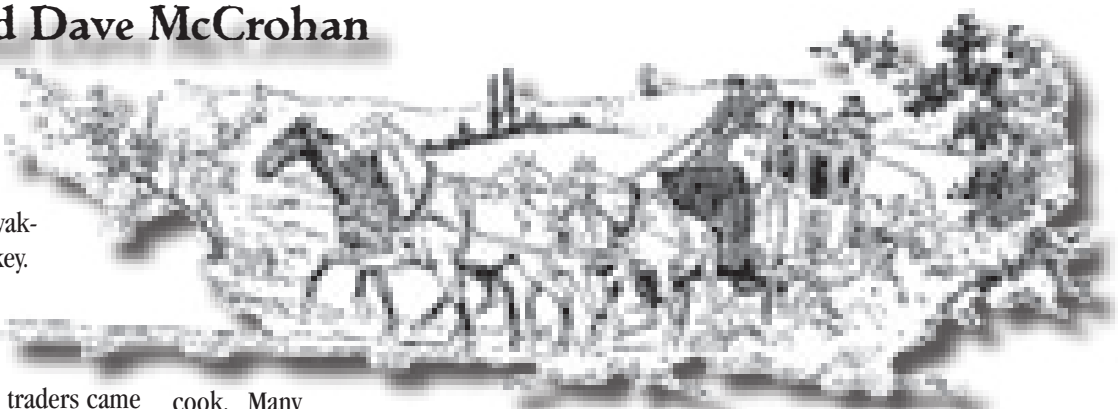
"Carrol McKinsey was the best commander the fort ever had. He commanded in 1872 and sent four or five hundred Indians out on reservations; he got most of them from Yellow House Canyon, a canyon between here and New Mexico.

"In the late seventies we had negro soldiers here; they didn't do no good, the Indians called them buffalo soldiers. The citizens and negro soldiers had a few little scrapes, one or two negroes were killed but no whites.

"Oh yes, I have killed lots of buffaloes, big and little. Whenever we needed meat we killed one, just as you would kill a rabbit, chicken, hog or any other animal food, except the buffaloes were a lot larger and they were not harmful to man. I guess we would have plenty of them here today if the hunters had not come in and killed them for their hides.

"I've been up the trail many, many times, I guess my longest trip was from here to Leavenworth, Kansas. Me and my two brothers and eight or nine cowboys would take from twenty-five to thirty thousand head of cattle each trip. We would rig up our chuck wagon with supplies to last as long as possible. We always started the cook on ahead so that he could have our food prepared by the time we got there, then no time would be lost. He would have to choose a place to camp where there was plenty of grass and water so our cattle might graze as we ate. The same procedure was followed throughout the journey then we usually covered ten or twelve miles each day.

"If the herd got restless we would always sing to quiet them; a stampede was often prevented by the singing cowboy. When we camped for the night we each had our duties to perform. Some were to hobble horses while others bedded the cattle, there were guards for the night, three alternating their duty. If trouble came, such as a stampede, wild animals or storm, every one reported to duty except the



cook. Many cattle were often lost during the disturbance. One time a little wind and cool rain came up which resulted in a stampede. I was in the lead and gave my horse the reins to do his stuff; he stumbled in a hole which sent me over his head to the ground, I looked up, saw the cattle coming.

"I disrobed my slicker, began shaking and whirling it into the air; this turned the cattle, and was all that saved me and my horse from being stamped into the earth.

"When going up the trail it was customary to give a beef to the owner if you crossed his property, we always did this and made friends all the way up. This was pretty nice on the way back we were often invited to eat some of that beef and drink black coffee. People were so few in those days they didn't forget you.

"I really had a time with the wildest horse I ever rode. It took me five years to ride old Blue Dog. He was really mean but I rode him twenty-five years and I never rode him a time that he didn't buck. He pitched and bucked until he died; sometimes I wonder if he didn't pitch a little afterward.

"We went back to New Mexico in 1885; we liked that country, the wooded hills and big ranches, but could not stand the superiors being of Mexican people. In fact the whole business was controlled by Mexicans, so we moved back in 1896.

"There was quite a change in this country during those few years I was away.

"I know most of the old timers, good or bad, we didn't have such a distinct social line as the society people of today, we were all just plain common folks.

"Yes, I knew Old Booger Red, he was one of the ugliest guys I ever saw but lots of fun. I have seen him ride the wildest

bronchos that ever was mounted. My brother brought a wild horse out of the mountains in New Mexico; he was as swift as lightning. Old Booger Red rode him at the Fair.

"Me and my family being interested in the horse and knowing Booger, dressed up, got in our new hack and went to the Fair as a big dog in a little wagon, style. Just as we drove up we saw Old Booger Red riding that New Mexico horse without a bridle, boy he was just a bucking, pitching, rearing and pawing at the sun and over the fence he came tumbling and cavorting right in front of us. Our horse got scared, reared up and fell back on our new hack and killed himself and it scared the very devil out of my family, but none of us got hurt.

Booger said, 'Well I guess I'm so ugly I scared the horse to death'.

"The Fair Committee wanted to pay me \$60.00 for my horse but I wouldn't accept it because I thought my horse was worth \$100.00 and I rather have nothing than to have my horse valued at \$60.00. "I know some of the so-called outlaws; Dave Adkins killed a man, then deserted his family to escape punishment. This all led him to train robbing which was the most popular robbing during that age.

"Tom and Sam Ketchum were train robbers and outlaws and would get hungry while on a hide out, and slip up to a sheep camp to get food. Once we were all at a picnic and some one came and told the Ketchum girl that Tom had been shot; this didn't seem to worry her, after the picnic was over she stayed for the dance that night.


"It was told around that Tom had been captured and hanged in New Mexico, but I don't agree with them. They sent for his brother to identify the body and hanged a dummy, pulled his head off as the trap fell, and refused to let anyone see him. Roue Shields said he saw the Governor of New Mexico and Tom back at Tom's old place, Knickerbocker, looking for his hidden money.

"I have seen men that said he lived in Old Mexico long after the hanging. These Ketchum boys worked on our ranch two years and made good dependable ranch hands at the time.

"Dick Duncan, another Knickerbocker product, robbed an old man and woman, then killed them and threw them in the Rio Grande River. He scouted around for awhile, doing several other law breaking acts which resulted in a hanging at Kerrville."

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## Mayhill Family and Community Education

Mayhill

by Carole Fenberg

Wednesday, May 12th was a lovely spring day for our FCE (Family and Community Education) meeting. Our hostesses, **Waneta Snyder** and **Audrey Corona** decorated the Mayhill Community center with floral arrangements.

Our VP for Public Policy, **Judy Hilbert**, had a lot to report. The rescheduled spring highway cleanup went well. Twelve members finished the two miles on 82 in about an hour. It produced 10 big bags of garbage. The Poseys took care of 130 on a previous day. Ten people went on the picnic and field trip to visit the Hilbert's alpacas following the highway clean up. Harvey did a spinning demonstration.

Judy also informed us that on May 7th the flannel baby blankets and baby books were delivered to Gerald Champion Hospital. These will be given to the newborn babies as they leave the hospital. This is just one of our many community service projects.

**Patty Posey**, our club president, announced that tickets are available for the beautiful handmade quilt, Cottage Flower. This is our only fund-raiser. For just \$1, you could win this hand made queen size quilt. The money we raise stays in our community and supports our many community projects ranging from scholarships, helping the abused and neglected children in CASA, to donating food and money to families in need. We will display the quilt at the Cherry Festival, June 19th and 20th. When we are not selling tickets at a local fair, the quilt can be seen at the Philip's 66 in Mayhill. Tickets are available there at the quilt shop, The Scrap Basket, in Cloudcroft, or from any FCE member.

Patty reported that the District Meeting was well attended. At the district Cultural Arts, **Judy Hilbert's** doll won the Best of Lot award for that division. **Waneta Snyder's** quilted stained glass wall hanging won the Best of Lot in its division. Many other members won blue ribbons for their entries.

The Spuds and Duds chairman, **Carole Fenberg**, gave a report thanking everyone for their support. The county fund-raiser brought in more money, had better attendance, and gave away more prizes than ever. Without the support of all our members this could not have happened.

The scholarship chairman, **Judy Hilbert** announced that we would be awarding a \$500 scholarship to **Bernadine Booky**. Bernadine is a Cloudcroft Senior. She will be attending NMSU majoring in Ag. Ed.

In May, Carole presented 14 "Quilts & Tote Bags" to the

CASA organization. Unfortunately, CASA has already distributed 7 of them to children that came into the foster care program this month. These children range in age from infants to teenaged boys. Good news for the project, **Sharon Justice** has a new quilting machine and she is just sewing up a storm of children's lap quilts. **Ruth Genuske** donated a bag full of stuffed animals for the children in CASA. **Cheryl Miles** donated 3 fleece blankets just perfect for boys in their upper teens. This is just a start. These children usually arrive with nothing. We hope the quilt will be their security blanket to get them through a very tough time. The quilts will be small children's lap quilts. Some will be machine quilted. Some will be yarn tied. If you can help in any way, please contact **Carole Fenberg** at 687-2666.

This month, **Patty, Waneta, Audrey, and Pam** will be planting flowers in the barrels in Mayhill. We voted to spend \$100 for the plants and potting soil.

**Eva Hale**, the VP for Programs, presented some very interesting information on cooking and canning at high altitudes. The information and recipes are available at the county extension office in Alamogordo. Eva asked us to bring any of our favorite recipes to the next meeting to share.

**Audrey and Waneta** prepared 3 delicious pork tenderloins, dressing, gravy, and applesauce. We feasted on this and all the salads and side dishes brought by our members for our potluck luncheon.

Our next meeting will be combined with our county council meeting. We will meet on MONDAY, JUNE 7TH at 10AM at the Mayhill Community Center. A potluck luncheon will be served. The theme will be "South of the Border". The main course will be a Mexican entrée. This is an excellent time to find out what happens at a council meeting, without going to Alamogordo. Our program will be a 15minute CPR class. We welcome guests and new members. Just show up at any meeting. If you have any questions call **Patty Posey**, President, at 687-2003.

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## Happy Father's Day

## Burro Street Point of View

Cloudcroft

by Don Vanlandingham



Dads have sons and Dads have daughters. When Dads raise their sons they teach them things like how to nail a nail and how to drive and how not to track mud in the house.

When Dads raise their daughters they spend about 20 years scared to death. While men think of their sons as clay to be molded, the often think of their daughters as fine china that will break in a heartbeat. As hard as they try, men don't completely understand women...be they wives or daughters.

I ran in to Richard today. Richard's a contractor that works 7 days a week. He works hard. He's a man on a mission.

Richard is my neighbor. When I see his truck leaving for a job when the sun comes up and see him come home when the sun has gone, I think I know him. He's the kind of guy that realizes no one is going to hand it to him. He has to go out and get it.

In the May issue of Cloudcroft's Mountain Monthly newspaper there were pictures of all the high school graduates. Each picture is sponsored by a local business. Richard's daughter Melissa is a graduate.

Richard wanted to sponsor Melissa's picture in the paper but he forgot to call the paper. Now he's upset. He thinks Melissa might think he forgot her.

I have a daughter. I know how delicate the relationship can be. I also know how much Richard loves his daughter and how proud he and his wife Teresa are of their girl.

I don't normally pass on personal messages in this column, but I'm doing it now. Dad and Mom salute you, Melissa. They say congratulations. They hope your life is filled with happiness. Good luck in your higher education career at NMSU and your life beyond.

I feel a little like Dr. Phil.

While I'm at it, congratulations to all the graduates of Cloudcroft High. It was no small effort that has brought you this far. When you go on to higher things and get rich and famous don't forget me. I just watched the tribute to Pat Tillman on TV. For those of you that may not know, Tillman was a professional football player that gave up a \$9,000,000 contract and joined the Army to fight in the war against terrorism. He was killed in Afghanistan. According to witnesses, his actions in the battle in which he was killed resulted in several of his fellow soldiers being saved.

Heroism has many faces. This week I saw a motorist stop along-side Highway 82 to save a disoriented bull snake that had curled up in the middle of the road. It's dangerous to walk out in the middle of a highway. It's also dangerous to handle a snake (bulls are pretty docile but they'll nip you if they get mad enough). This guy did it. Not for himself but because he wanted to give that ole snake another chance to catch some more mice.

There are people like that. People like Pat Tillman that put others before themselves. People like that guy that saved the snake. Not because they're looking for glory or someone to write a story about them... because it's simply the right thing to do.

If I had gotten there first, I would like to think I would have saved the snake. If I had been in Pat Tillman's boots, I would like to think I would have had the fortitude he had and would have done what he did. The fact is, I don't guess I'll ever know.

Former Oklahoma Congressman J. C. Watts said it best- "Character is doing the right thing when nobody's looking."

I'm in my mid-50s and I still have roll models developing before my eyes. People that love others beyond their love for themselves. Because of people like Pat Tillman and the guy that saved the snake... my chance to stand up and make a difference is still out there. Maybe because of them, I'll rise to the occasion.

## The Cloudcroft Light Opera UPDATE

by Pat Rand

June has arrived, and GLOC (The Cloudcroft Light Opera Company) is already well into the 2004 melodrama season. The first three performances of the play, *Dirty Work On The Trail*, or *Go Slow With The Pony Express*. were held on Memorial Day weekend - May 28, 29 & 30, and two more will be held on Western Roundup weekend - June 18 & 19. The time for all performances is 7:30pm, and the Zenith Park Pavilion is the location. Admission is free - just watch out for our money collector, **Gloria Wood**, who passes the hat and will not accept no for an answer. Come join us, throw popcorn at the villain, and applaud the hero. It's a lot of good, clean fun for the whole family!

The second melodrama will be *Heaven Help The Po Taters*. Three performances will be held on Fourth of July weekend, and there will be two more on each of the following two weekends, for a total of seven performances. They will again be at the Zenith Park Pavilion at 7:30pm. **Dave Venable** will direct the play, and the cast includes Irish Tater, played by **Pat Rand**; his wife, Etta, played by **Charliss Randall**; their children - Sweetpea, Chip, and Lyonnaise - played

by **Becky Winkles**, **Quinn Winkles**, and **Megan Gordon**; and neighbor Tilda Fields, played by **Shirley Sonnamaker**.

Other characters include Ida Hoe, played by **Bethani Sellers**; Cher Kropper, played by **Glenda Daniels**; Dick Tater, played by **Terry Winkles**; Carmen Tater, played by **Trisha Zendel**; Emma Tater, played by **McKenzie Ponder**; Ory Gunn, played by **Larry Drake**; Marshal Art, played by **Gary Wood**; Candide Yam, played by **Sheila Gordon**; Spud Farmer, played by **Rich Penner**; Pastor Salt, played by **Kris Creed**; Noah Count, played by **Dave Venable**; Sue Duse, played by **Shannon Flood**; Maitre D, played by **Arlan Ponder**; and Widder Tater, played by **Gloria Wood**.

Two different Lodge Murder Mysteries are scheduled for November 5, 6, and 7, 2004 and on the following weekend - November 12, 13, and 14. There will be a third mystery on January 28, 29 and 30, 2005. If you are interested in attending any of these mysteries, contact the Lodge at 682-2566 to make your reservations. You are guaranteed to have a good time even if you aren't able to solve the crime.

The two seniors at Cloudcroft High School who were win-

ners of the CLOC college scholarships were **Megan Gordon** and **Nathaniel Smith**. This is a very worthwhile project that CLOC has taken on and, next year, a third student will be added to the scholarship list. Congratulations to Megan and Nathaniel!

The next CLOC meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 at Dave's Pine Cone Café, beginning at 6pm. If you are not a CLOC member, but are interested in our activities - either on stage as an actor, or behind the scenes with wardrobe, props, makeup, or set construction - you are invited to attend our next meeting and learn about the organization and the people who are already members. No experience is necessary - just the willingness to participate. Dues are only \$10 per year per person, so come see what CLOC is all about.

If you want more information on CLOC, there is a website - [www.cloudcrofttheatre.com](http://www.cloudcrofttheatre.com) where you can check on upcoming dates, photos and information on past performances. **Marty Ware** has really put a lot of effort in setting up the site, and has done a wonderful job. If you should have any questions, comments, or suggestions about CLOC, please call **Pat Rand** at (505) 682-3317.

## The Timberon Development Council

by Jackie Fioretti

Timberon

President **Everett Putney** opened the meeting at approximately 10am. He asked if anyone would like the minutes to the last meeting be read? A motion was made by **Sid Benson** and seconded by **Carolene Bompert** not to read the minutes and approve the minutes as submitted. The minutes were approved. **Nellie Spence** gave the Treasurer's report. **Rick Merrick** made a motion and **Sid Benson** seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Everett Putney** gave a report on the May 1st Fly-in to Timberon organized by **Junior Hammock**. Due to bad weather East and North of here, thirteen of the thirty planned Super Cubs landed in Timberon. It was very successful and the pilots had a steak lunch at the Timberline Restaurant. At lunch, Junior gave awards to the pilot who made the roughest landing and the smoothest landing. **Fran Trendler** and **Jackie Fioretti** worked on a certificate which **Everett Putney** gave to each pilot as a souvenir for the occasion. The following morning they flew over White Sands and the shuttle pad landing and then back to Timberon for a pancake breakfast sponsored by the **Timberon Lions Club**. Everett thanked the **Timberon Volunteer Fire Department** and **Timberon EMS** for standing by in case of an emergency. He will discuss a schedule to compact and water the airstrip on a continuing basis WITH Otero County. **Sid Benson** advised water availability may be a problem this summer. A run-up pad for airplanes to run-up their engines prior to take off and a helicopter pad was discussed. Additional funds were discussed and **Bill McCullough** mentioned the use of the airstrip in an emergency is a major selling point in requesting additional funds. **Everett Putney** mentioned \$600 was spent on new signs for the air strip which he would like to be reimbursed sometime in the future.

Tree thinning was discussed. Out of the 496 letters mailed to property owners, we received a 25% response. We have paid out \$13,000 on the program. **Fran Trendler** mentioned she is working on a new list of fourteen for the tree thinning contractors. She also stated that if a contractor sees a piece of property they are interested in thinning and they have the name of the owner or the property description she would help locate the owner from the tax records we have at the TDC Office. There have been changes to the basil area requirements and **Barbara Luna** with State Forestry will be in Timberon on May 18th to go over these changes. There was discussion on removal of slash, acreage for storage of logs, covering the wood with plastic for three weeks and clean-up of the properties after thinning.

**Kris Wheeler** in purchasing at the volunteer fire department advised they were looking for property, preferably on the southern side of Timberon for a Fire De-

partment Sub Station and asked if TDC had any land donated to them that would serve this need? **Jackie Fioretti** advised she would look at the records and see if anything was feasible. TDC will keep the sub station in mind when future properties are donated. **Everett Putney** congratulated **Chris Murtishaw**, who was selected New Mexico Region 3 EMS provider for the year. **Arden Schug** handed out new open burning regulations which went into effect the first of the year. A copy will be given to all tree thinning contractors.

**Everett Putney** mentioned a lot was happening in Timberon. **Nellie Spence** with the Extension Club organized a clean up day in Timberon. The yard in front of the lodge looks very nice after taking two loads to the dump. We have a new Post Office, the air strip has been renovated, the parking lot in front of the lodge will be paved, new water improvements are in the future, and the grass on the fairways are looking better. All of this requires funds and Everett mentioned he is working on a letter to send to property owners to raise funds. **Carlene Bompert** advised she has checked into having a fund raising dinner and the Lions Club will let us use their facilities.



Chris Murtishaw and daughter "Babe"

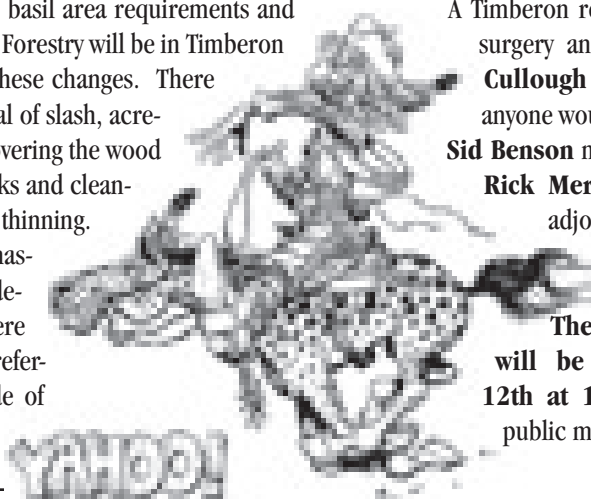
A covenants meeting was recently held and after that meeting a petition to do away with the covenants is floating around. The committee spent about twelve hours on covenant changes which are very important. Our community is governed by laws and Otero County provided three copies of the Otero County Ordinances to Timberon. A copy is located in the library, at the TDC Office and Robert's Realty for the community to look at. It was advised the origin of the petition doesn't matter and the covenants need to be updated.

**Eva Tannehill** gave a report on the upcoming Fourth of July Parade and activities. The fire department will have their pancake breakfast. She has applications for vendors. Advertisement for one line in the flyer will cost \$10.00. **Wal-Mart** has donated door prizes and **Home Depot** a charcoal grill. She has contacted the Chamber of Commerce in the area and will continue to contact local businesses for donations.

A Timberon resident, **Olin McGill** had by-pass surgery and is doing very well. **Bill McCullough** gave his telephone number in case anyone would like to call him.

**Sid Benson** made a motion and **Rick Merrick** seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30am.

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 12th at 10am. These are public meetings!



### JUNE EVENTS IN CLOUDCROFT

CLOUDCROFT

- 5.....Miss New Mexico Day Parade 682-2733
- 18-19.....Melodrama at The Open Air Pavilion 682-2733
- 14 - 18.....Children's Art Classes 10am - 2pm daily. To enroll, call The Lodge 682-2566 or (800)395-6343
- 18, 19, 20.....Western Roundup - Parade, Old West and Cowboy Activities 682-2733
- 18.....BBQ, Pie Auction and Cowboy Campfire beginning at 5pm 682-2733
- 19.....Western Roundup - Parade at 2pm. Street Dance on Burro Avenue 7pm. 682-2733
- 19, 20.....High Rolls - Mountain Park Cherry Festival sponsored by the Lions Club 682-1151
- 20.....Father's Day Buffet Brunch at The Lodge 682-2566 or (800) 395-6343
- 20.....Fathers Day Father and Other Golf Tournament at The Lodge 682-2566 or (800)395-6343
- 25, 26, 27.....Blue Grass Festival @ Camp Chimney Spring, contact Marsha Slane 687-3520
- TBA.....Cloudcroft Art Workshops- contact Carolyn Sharp 682-3004 or Jerry Mansur 687-3597

## Smith Memorial Library

by Grace Meyers

Timberon

We received a generous donation from the **Lions Club Flea Market** – many thanks to them. They also gave us 22 movies in April and we appreciate those.

The video room has been reorganized one more time. Hopefully, you'll be able to find what you want a bit easier.

Some new ones are – *Bringing Down the House* with **Steve Martin** and **Queen Latiffa**, *Russia House* with **Sean Connery**, *DeNiro's Goodfellas* and **Charlton Heston** in a black and white film version of Henry James' novel *The Wings of a Dove*. We have **John Wayne's Donovan's Reef**, **Joella Sohey** donated several of the black and white movies he made with **Gabby Hayes**.

Quite a few good mysteries have come in – authors **Stuart Woods**, **Nevada Barr**, **John Grisham**, **Elmore Leonard**, **Dick Francis**, **John Sandford**, **Rita Mae** and **Sneaky Pie Brown** ...and others.

**Mary Fran** supplies us with Audio Books from time to time. Some I've noticed lately are **Patricia Cornwell's Blow Fly**, **DeMill's The General's Daughter**, **Grisham's The Partner**, a **Dickens Trio of Stories** and there's a **Pavaratti** autobiography among others.

Come in and browse.

### Timberon Independence Day Parade

July 1, 2004

Come out – Come all  
to the main square of Timberon  
for the  
7th Annual  
Parade

Mark-Off Breakfast 7:30 am – Free Pancake Breakfast  
Hosted by Timberon Volunteer Fire Department (Donations Accepted)



EMS Medical Records Update and Blood Pressure Check  
7:30am – 9am and again at 11:00am to 1:00pm

\* Parade will start at 10:00am \* Awards Presentation 11:00am \* Free Pancake Breakfast and Blood Pressure Check (Hiking, Camping, Fishing, Swimming, etc. not paid)



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- June 30... Trinity Baptist Church High Rolls at 6pm
- July 1... Cloudcroft Pavilion at 6pm
- July 4... Mayhill Baptist Church at 11am

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on June 19

#### Camp Worship

on June 20

Admission Fee is \$5 per day  
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# MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES

## Sacramento Mountains Museum

Cloudcroft

by Pat Rand

The 26th Annual Old Timers Reunion was held on May 8th in the Cloudcroft Middle School Commons Area. It was a pot-luck affair with the Otero Cowbells providing the beans and barbeque brisket and guests bringing a salad, vegetable, or dessert. It was well attended by friends and relatives of the three honorees. Music was provided by the Country Five, and the master of ceremonies was Charles Walker. The three Old Timers honored this year were Jesse Elwood Buckner, Edith Leigh Roach, and Arnell Griffin Wimsatt. Plaques, photographs, biographies, and proclamations were presented to each of the honorees. Since the ceremony was instituted in 1978, the Society has now honored 117 Old Timers, and it is always a pleasure to see these people receive the recognition they so well deserve.

The Historical Society is waiting for the final word on the status of the small chapel building - located at the corner of Curlew and Chipmunk - that the Episcopal Diocese of Albuquerque has agreed to donate to the Museum. By giving it to the Museum, it will be preserved in its present state as a chapel, and will be a wonderful addition to the Pioneer Village located on the Museum grounds. A number of details are being ironed out, particularly about the actual moving of the chapel but, hopefully, the move can be made during the upcoming summer months.

The Museum is still looking for more information about the old Cox Canyon School. We have some pictures of students from the 1920's who need to be identified, and we will run these in the newspaper and will also have them at the Museum. If you have or know of someone who has copies of either a class photo at the school or just a picture of the building itself - we would appreciate hearing from you. We will scan the pictures and give the originals back to you.

During the month of April, 99 visitors to the Museum came from twelve states and three foreign countries - Germany, Korea, and Mexico. So far in May, by mid-month, people have come from nine states and one foreign country - Japan.

In the Museum's Gift Shop, there are a number of books about area-wide history that you might consider as gifts for either a friend or for yourself. Apache Voices, The Cloud Climbing Railroad, The Day The Sun Rose Twice, High Noon In Lincoln, Santana, War Chief of the Apaches, the G. E. Miller collection of early area photos, My Cloudcroft, and Tularosa are but a few of the books available.

If you are not presently a member of the Historical Society, we hope that you will consider membership for this year. It runs \$25 for a family or business membership, and \$12.50 for an individual. Please consider joining us. The Society now has over twenty-six years of existence behind it, and is continuing on with the goals that were established back in 1977.

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 \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children from six to twelve years of age. Younger children are admitted free. We hope that you will consider a visit and see the changes that have been taking place recently - including the growing-up of our two greeter cats - Callie and Pumpkin.

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

## Timberon Home Extension Club News

Timberon

by Peggy Goss

The Extension Club met on May 21 at 10:15am in the Lodge. Installation of the new officers for 2004-2005 was conducted by Jean Green. Jean presented each officer with a bottle of (candy) vitamins to keep them alert and on the job. New officers are President - Joyce Williams, Vice President - Eva Tannehill, Secretary - Peggy Goss, and Treasurer - Mary Jane Davis. Buck Williams was our official photographer. Thanks Buck!

Eva Tannehill passed out our new handbooks for the year. She did a great job. Thanks Eva! She is also working furiously on organizing the Fourth of July parade.

She has purchased prizes and toys to distribute at the parade and several businesses have donated door prizes. I'm sure any contributions would be greatly appreciated. Sounds like we will have another great parade this year. Thanks again Eva!

The quilted wall hanging to be raffled on the 4th is complete. It is beautiful and may be seen hanging at the Timberline Restaurant. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased from any Extension Club member.

Many thanks to Karen Mainello and her committee for the beautiful work.

Kudos to Chris Murtishaw, who was awarded the Region 3 EMT of the year. We are proud you are one of us, Chris, and will miss you while you're away.

Jean Green announced that in November the Extension Club will celebrate its 20th anniversary. She read the minutes from the first meeting on November 12, 1984. There were 28 members. Each month she plans to review a portion of the achievements of the club. She brought scrapbooks from the beginning to the present for everyone to look through.

State Senator Dist 34 candidate, Vernon Asbill and his wife Kate came and spoke to us. Vernon is a retired administrator with the Cloudcroft School District. He is very familiar with Timberon and our needs. He assured us he would do all he could for this area if elected.

Our meetings are the third Friday of each month at 10:15am in the Lodge. We welcome all visitors and would love to have you join us.

Timberon

## Airstrip News

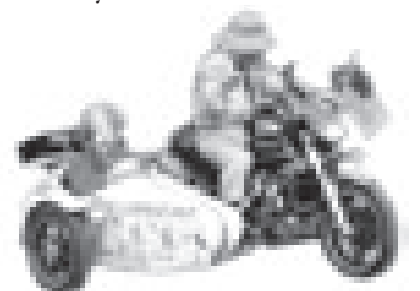
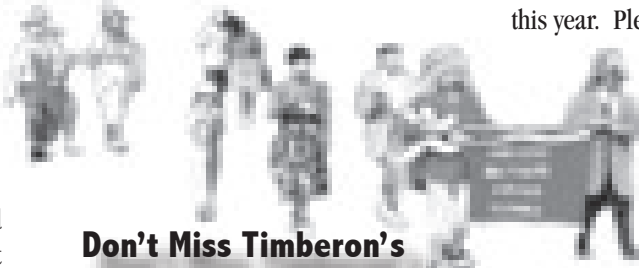
by Jackie Fioretti

On Saturday May 1, 2004, the refinished (graded - compacted) Timberon Airstrip experienced the activities of thirteen airplanes from the "Super Cub" Club. After landing, they had a great steak lunch at the "Timberline Restaurant" and then flew back to Ruidoso for the night. They returned to Timberon Sunday morning for a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Timberon Lions Club before flying to Carlsbad Caverns for the day.

It was a fun time for all of the pilots and it was the new beginning for airplanes to fly into Timberon. They were greeted by Ray Backstrom, Otero County Assistant Administrator, The Timberon Volunteer Fire Department, Timberon EMS, and citizens of Timberon.

The pilots were presented a "2004 Extreme Fly-In" certificate by Everett Putney, President of the Timberon Development Council to help the pilots and their friends remember our great community of Timberon.

Thanks to Junior Hammack for making Timberon a place for the Super Cubs to fly into this year. Please come back anytime!



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18 Holes \$11.00

extra rider - 2 riders per cart \$15.00

Memberships - good 1 year, tax not included

Individual \$192.50

covers all green fees for ind.

Family \$302.50

covers all green fees for immediate family

includes husband, wife, and any children under 18

Guest \$110.00

limit 2 per day \*must be staying at members

Timberon residence\* - no commercial appl.

Trail Fees - charge for use of private cart on course per year

\$192.50 - 1st cart, \$96.00 - add. carts / same owner

# MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES

## The Timberon Water District's (TWSD) Monthly Meetings

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

Timberon

A regular meeting of the Timberon Water and Sanitation District board of directors was held on **May 15 at 10am in the community center**. Board members present were **Joan Schug, Betty Phillips, Tom Tannehill, and Sid Benson**. **Larry Hanson was absent**.

Minutes for the April 17th of 2004 meeting were read and approved with one change. Betty Phillips read the Treasurer's Report for April of 2004.

**Joan Schug** reminded everyone that the board of directors said they would not raise water or standby rates if the public approved the loan for water improvements. **Bill Gideon** did

a cost analysis to pump water from the plant and golf course wells. He estimated that electricity cost \$.34 per one thousand gallons and proposed that the untreated water rate be changed to \$.44 per thousand gallons to include well maintenance. This change will only affect TWSD. He also checked meter install charges for surrounding communities and found them to range from \$1,000 to 1,200. **Bill Gideon proposed that meter install fees be increased to \$900**. **Betty Phillips** motioned to change the untreated water and meter install fees as recommended effective as soon as possible after PRC approval. **The motion carried unanimously**.

The Consumer Confidence Report is not ready.

The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended the following admission policy for operating a class B pool: **"In the event of the pool operating without a lifeguard it shall only be open to property owners, renters and their guests while residing temporarily or permanently within Timberon."** **Betty Phillips** motioned to accept the policy and **it passed unanimously**. There was discussion on an adult only swim.

**Bill Gideon** went over the capital projects on the proposed Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. It will be in final form for Wednesday's meeting.

A preliminary copy of the 2004/2005 Interim Budget was discussed. The budget was prepared by the Budget Committee. They will meet on Tuesday and will finalize the interim budget for Wednesday's meeting.

**Betty Phillips** motioned to approve Resolution 03/04-015 authorizing signatures and responsibilities for \$125,000 in grant money from NMED. **Sid Benson** seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Bill Gideon** presented the Manager's Report. (sidebar)

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Bill McCullough** presented a Parks and Recreation Committee report and updated the Board on the Neighborhood Watch program that will be organized under a separate organization. A meeting will be held on June 5, 2004.

### DIRECTORS REMARKS

**Tom Tannehill** stated that we are quick to vocalize negative comments and we let the positive ones go unsaid. He commended TWSD employees for the good work they are doing.

**Sid Benson** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated **Chris Murtishaw** for being named Region III EMT of the Year.

**Joan Schug** thanked **Don**

**Spence, Richard Rodriguez, Arden Schug, Sid Benson, Buddy Chamberlain, and Brad Stewart** for helping her pick up the piles of pine needles that had been raked up. She stated that the board of directors appreciates **Bill Gideon** and his crew.

**Betty Phillips** thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work. Public input is welcome.

### AUDIENCE REMARKS

**Arden Schug** announced that the slash pits have been burned.

**Fran Trendler** thanked TVFD on behalf of TDC for their help in keeping the slash controlled. TDC is looking into donating a piece of property for a fire sub station. Timberon is on the federal registry for communities most at risk for fire. The TDC office is open on Tuesday and Saturday from 9am to noon.

**Gary Goss** commented on the nice work being done by the meter readers as well as the work done by Don Spence on the fire drops.

**Carolene Bompert** asked who was responsible for the golf course and **Bill Gideon** answered that he was. There was some discussion about implementing an "adopt-a-hole" program.

The meeting was adjourned.

A meeting of the board of directors of the **Timberon Water and Sanitation District** was held on **May 19 at 10am in the community center**. Board members present were **Joan Schug, Sid Benson, Tom Tannehill, and Betty Phillips**. **Larry Hanson was absent**.

**Betty Phillips** motioned to approve the Infrastructure Capital Improvement Plan. **Tom Tannehill** seconded the motion and Resolution 03/04-016 passed unanimously.

The budget committee changed a couple of items from the preliminary copy of the budget. Administration wages for a part time employee was corrected from 40 hours to 30 hours

per week. Water expense for the golf course was increased and water income for the water department was increased to reflect proposed rate changes. After several budget items were discussed Resolution 03/04-017 was passed unanimously.

**Bill Gideon** had a preliminary copy of the Consumer Confidence Report but did not feel it was ready to present to the board. It will be presented at the regular June meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

### GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MAY 2004

The problem with the Golf Course well turned out to be the controller. Pioneer Equipment Co. replaced the controller under warranty and the pump has been working ever since. It has not yet been determined why the controller burned up.

The bid package for redrilling the two wells is ready to go on the street, however we will have to wait until the New Mexico Environment Department approves it and the PER before we can proceed to bid.

We hired a consultant, Mr. Bruce Erhard, the greens superintendent from New Mexico State University, to come up and evaluate the Golf Course. He spent most of the day with our people, evaluating the fairways and greens, and making recommendations as to what was needed and how we should care for them. He will follow up his visit with a written report on the conditions, and a maintenance schedule of what needs to be done.

The new water line has been installed on Pounds Road and is supplying about 24 gallons per minute.

The paving of the parking lot is proceeding and should be completed by Memorial Day. We had to remove the tree because the contractor would not guarantee the paving. He said that water would get under the paving and the paving would break loose and come up.

Bill Gideon  
General Manager

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B and R Tree Thinners...	987-2440	Timberline Restaurant...	987-2527
Blue Water Real Estate	987-2258	Timberon Backhoe...	987-2357
Burton Electric...	987-2462	Timberon Chapel...	987-2470
Circle Cross Ranch...	987-2650	Timberon Post Office...	987-2231
Circle Cross RV Park...	987-2651	Timberon Fire Dept...	987-2296
Casa Sacramento...	987-2201	Business Calls	987-2202
Dell Telephone...		Emergency	911
Timberon	987-2500	Timberon Golf Course...	987-2260
Main Office	964-2352	Timberon Development (TDC)	987-2464
Nights & Holidays	964-2500	Timberon Mall...	987-2525
Trouble Line	611	Timberon Pool...	987-2207
Equal Access	964-2222	Timberon RV Park...	987-2240
Time & Temperature	964-8401	Timberon Water District...	
G and L Woodcutters...	987-2360	Office	987-2250
High Country Bar/Grill...	987-2580		987-2252
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Kevin's Kustom Welding...	987-2201	Maintenance	987-2230
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## A FAREWELL

**Bill Davis** was born Morton Wilbur Davis Jr. on March 9, 1929 in New York City. He Died of cancer on April 23, 2004 in Colorado Springs. His daughter, Tina Colditz, had been with him almost every day for five months. To tell him goodbye, also, the last week were his sister Grace Meyers and nieces Sharon Pettit, Jo Hodgins, Carol Stearman and Michelle Gillings.

Bill's wife of 51 years, Maxine, pre-deceased him by three years. Some of their happiest were spent here in Timberon, where they were well-known members of the Timberon Chapel and the Fire Department.

Bill Davis was Fire Chief for five years, during which time he organized the annual July Fourth Parade. He was a charter member and president of the Lions Club and belonged to the Golf Association. His newspaper, The Timberon News, which he published for some years, is still resurrected from time to time here (as for this obituary).

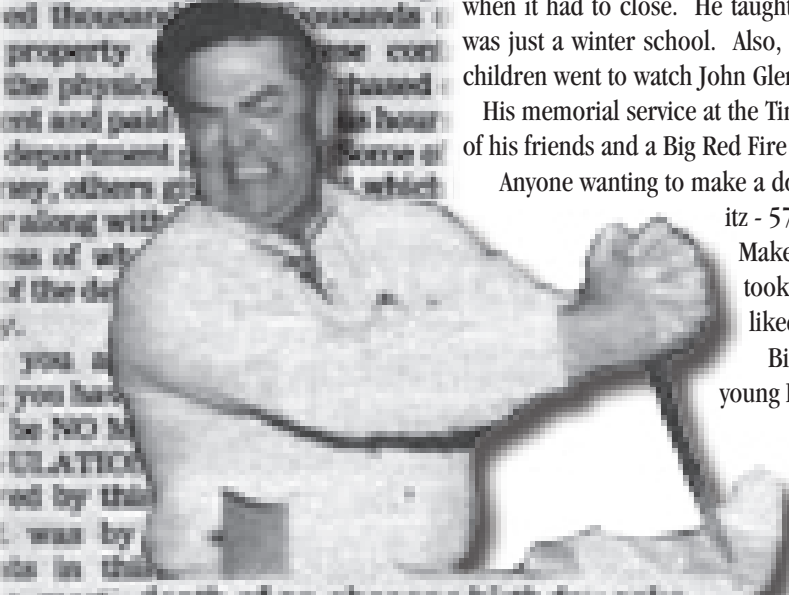
His most tireless effort came in being instrumental in establishing the little school in Timberon and was most distressed when it had to close. He taught one season (free) when it was just a winter school. Also, it was on his recommendation to Lockheed that Timberon children went to watch John Glenn go into space again.

His memorial service at the Timberon Chapel on May 8th was attended by many of his friends and a Big Red Fire Truck.

Anyone wanting to make a donation in Bill's memory may send it to Tina Colditz - 5780 Pemberton Way, Colorado Springs, CO 80919. Make the check out to Pikes Peak Care Center. They took such good care of him his last five months, and he liked it there.

Bill is survived by three children: Tina, Sherlene and young Bill, five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and one sister.

Bill's surviving sister is Grace Meyers of Timberon, who wrote this obituary. The Mountain Times newspaper thought it only fitting to dedicate most of this page to his memory.



## Taking a Trip to See The Very Large Array

by Pat Rand

Located on the Plains of San Augustin, about 50 miles west of Socorro, New Mexico, just south of U.S. Highway 60, is an instrument that can see trillions of miles into space, and billions of years back into the past.

The VLA, or Very Large Array, is a collection of 27 radio telescopes, each of which consists of an 82 foot diameter steel and aluminum parabolic dish antenna mounted on a moveable framework. A single complete antenna weighs a massive 230 tons.

The antennas are designed to move along three sets of railroad tracks, each 13 miles long, that are arranged into a giant Y pattern. By working together, they are the equivalent of a single radio telescope that is 20 miles across. This is the most

powerful radio telescope in the world today.

Special computers called correlators match the observation of each dish in the array with every other dish, performing the mind-boggling sum of 560 billion combinations of data each second. Video displays then convert the radio signals into images that allow astronomers to see a star or galaxy's radio portrait.

The VLA had its origin back in the 1950's, when British astronomer Sir Martin Ryle developed the technique of using multiple, widely-separated radio antennas working together to make images far more detailed than could be produced by any single antenna that could be feasibly built.

In 1956, the National Science Foundation created the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank, West Virginia, and contracted with the Associated Universities, Inc., a non-profit organization, to build and operate the single-dish observatory. By 1962, they were working on plans for an array using Ryle's technique. In 1964, a three-dish system began operating at Green Bank to gain experience in working with such an array.

By 1967, astronomers and engineers completed plans for the Very Large Array, which were then submitted to Congress in 1971, and authorization was received in 1972. Work at the site was begun in 1974, and the first VLA antenna was completed and used in 1975 to observe a galaxy 50 million light-years away. In 1976, two antennas were used together for the first time. In 1977, with six antennas operational, the VLA

began to be used routinely for astronomical observations. The 27th and final antenna was added to the array in 1980, and the VLA was formally dedicated in October of that year. The final details were completed in January of 1981 - nearly a year ahead of schedule and within the budgeted cost of 78.6 million dollars.

Since its dedication, more than 2,500 researchers from hundreds of institutions around the world have used the VLA for more than 10,000 projects ranging from observing nearby objects, such as our sun and the planets of our solar system, to observing the formation of galaxies and quasars billions of light-years away in the farthest reaches of the universe.

You can see the antennas and the various other facilities, including a 10-story maintenance hanger for the dishes, by starting your tour at the visitors center, which is open from 8:30 am until dusk every day. A short video program explains the history and operation of the VLA, and a brochure guides you through a 15-station walking tour, including a closeup of an antenna. A short drive will then take you to a view of the hanger and the dish within it. The visitors center also includes a gift shop where souvenirs and snacks can be obtained.

When you visit the site, in case you have the feeling that you have seen them before, the dishes were featured in the opening scenes of the movie, 2010: A Space Odyssey. Also, the movie, Contact, with Jodie Foster, was shot at the Very Large Array.

If you do decide to make the trek, which is about a 400 mile round trip from Cloudcroft, you will definitely not be disappointed in what you see - you will be overwhelmed!

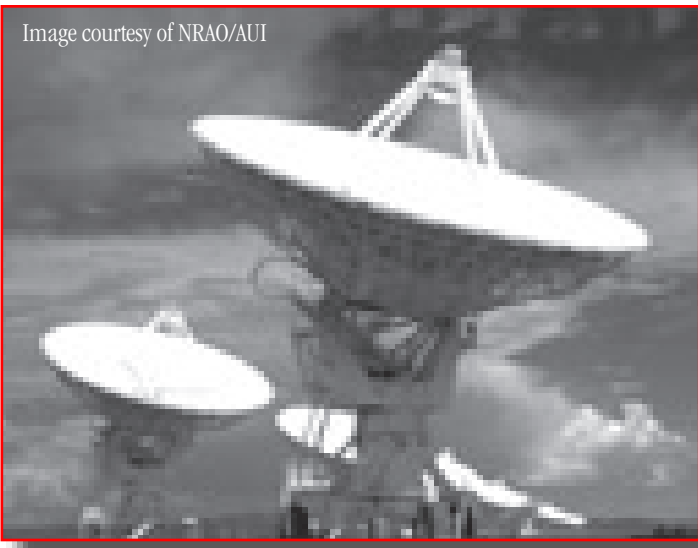


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# THE MOUNTAIN TRADING POST - CLASSIFIED SECTION

## MISCELLANEOUS

### CLOUDCROFT

#### CONCRETE & MATERIALS

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

### INTERNET

#### VISIT THIS WEB SITE

New Mexico Wanderings About little-known and lesser-known places with over 1,700 photos and 800 pages, go to both - <http://www.huntel.com/~artpike/> and <http://nmwanderings.com/>

### COLLEGE COURSES

Accredited College Courses, Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, on the Internet from Timberon, Cloudcroft, or Anywhere. American Military University. Visit [www.apus.edu](http://www.apus.edu), or call David at 915-845-0343, [dj245@online.apus.edu](mailto:dj245@online.apus.edu)

### ITEMS WANTED

#### ANTLERS-HORNS SKULLS

I buy these items for use in making table lamps. Therefore, they must be small in size. I prefer pronghorn or more exotic species. They must be clean, not weathered, with skullbone attached. Al Gillespie, 505-266-7635 Email: [al.gillespie@att.net](mailto:al.gillespie@att.net)

### PLACE TO HUNT

Father and Daughter looking for place to Spring Turkey hunt or information. Could pay reasonable fee.

Call 432-694-2575 (Charlie)

### OLD-TIME WASHER

Need an old-time, non-electric, wringer type washing machine.

Call 505-987-2561



#### Cloudcroft DRINKING WATER Storage Tanks

Catch Rain!! Black, algae resistant, 100 to 5,000 gallons, reasonable prices, free delivery. Please give us a chance to serve you!! MasterCard/Visa. 1-800-603-8272 or (505) 682-2308.

## LOST AND FOUND

### LOST DOG - REWARD

Reward \$500 for lost Dalmation "Penny." 11 year-old female, white with brown spots. Call 915-755-2582.

### 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.

### SERVICES

Retired college professor and Small Business Administration consultant has limited time to serve as a confidential pro bono consultant to Cloudcroft area small business entrepreneurs. Are you thinking about starting a business? Do you have an existing business that needs to perform better? Briefly describe your situation and send it via fax (505-687-3150) or email [professorclarke@pvtnetworks.net](mailto:professorclarke@pvtnetworks.net)

I will respond and let you know if I can help. My ability to take on clients is limited by my desire to spend time with my grandchildren and to play golf!

### WILL MANAGE

Professional couple relocating to Cloudcroft area, willing to manage property or small business, and/or contracting computer drafting or carpentry, livestock management. References and detailed resumes provided upon request.

Call 505-824-0090.

### SAVE YOUR MEMORIES ON A CD WHILE YOU CAN

All the home movies you took over the years with your camcorder (VHS) are slowly losing the battle with time. Magnetic tape, as found in VHS and cassettes, don't fair well over long periods.

Turn your home videos, record albums, and cassette tapes into CDs. Safeguard your memories! Call Mark Clarke at 505-987-2585.

## FREE KITTENS

Call 505-987-2561

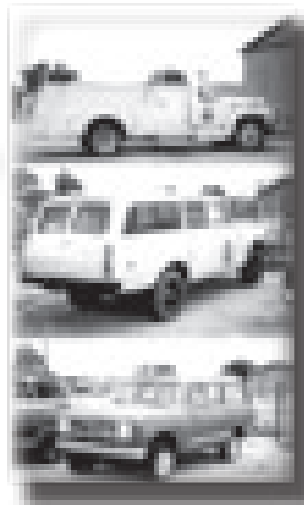
## ITEMS FOR SALE

### IN CARLSBAD

Firetruck - 1968 Ford F850 with hoses, reels, new pump, only 14000 miles! Holds 750 gallons of water.

Also 2 International Travelalls, 4-wheel drives, both in good condition.

Call 505-361-3334, Photos below



### FIREWOOD

#### SPLIT AND SEASONED

Juniper, Cedar, Aspen and Oak. Located in Timberon.

Call 505-987-2263.

### 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. Call 505-987-2561.

### JEEP FOR SALE



1998 Jeep Wrangler Sahara, Exceptionally Clean. 46,000 One-Owner Miles, Good Tires, Never Off-Roaded. \$12,900. Call 505-354-4036.

### BRONCOS FOR SALE

1988 and 1987 Ford Bronco II, 4x4. 1987 for \$1650 or trade of equal value!

1988 has minor transmission problems, \$800 or will trade. Both for \$2000 or trade.

Call 505-430-1251

### JORDAN YARD SALE

Friday and Saturday, July 3 and 4 in the Roberts Realty Parking Lot... Remember!!! Your Trash is My Treasure! Barbara Jordan, 987-2558.

## ITEMS FOR SALE

### PIANO FOR SALE

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

### 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



Antique wood burning cook stoves for sale. Large selection. Will deliver. Please call toll free (866)965-2319. Ask for Jimmy with High Plains Pet Foods or leave message.

### 1996 SOUTHWIND MOTOR HOME

34' Wide Body, 460 Ford Fully Equipped - Plus Many Extra Features.

Excellent Condition Only 29,000 Miles Price \$38,500

Call 505-585-4163.

### CAR FOR SALE

2000 Subaru Forester L, automatic, AWD, green with beige interior, no accidents, well-maintained, 77,000 miles, very reliable and economical car to drive, \$11,000. 505-987-2235.

### FOR SALE IN TIMBERON

Rifle Ruger M-77 .300 Win mag. with mounted Bushnell 3x9 scope and Pachmayr trap recoil shoulder pad also solid Gun Guard case. \$475.00

Large teal

## REAL ESTATE

### LOT FOR SALE

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

### LOT FOR SALE

3 acres, Great Building Site with Power, Telephone and Water in Road. Great Views. Privacy. Good Timberon Property Opportunity. \$16,000. Call Aspen Realty Associates, 505-682-5032.

### HOME FOR SALE

Great House in Timberon. 1/2 acre. Well-Built in 1999. Large 2 Bedroom, 2 Bath with Spacious Living, Dining, Kitchen Area. Custom Woodwork, Tile Floors. Only \$145,000. Call Aspen Realty Associates, 505-682-5032.

### HOME FOR SALE

Immaculate 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath Manufactured Home on 2 Lots. Very Private, Good Views, Extensive Landscaping. This is a Beautiful Home! Priced to Sell! Call Aspen Realty Associates, 505-682-5032.

### FOR SALE IN TIMBERON

Scenic Drive Highway to Timberon is being finished! Play some golf, have a drink, go for a swim. Shell Cabin \$24,000. Two acre lot \$10,000. Both with utilities. Buy both for \$30,000. 505-987-2700.

### HOME - SALE/TRADE

Home for sale or trade for equal value Cloudcroft, HighRolls home/property. 4bdrm/2bth, newly remodeled, paint, appliances, fenced back yard, great location in Alamogordo.

## REAL ESTATE

### TIMBERON LOT

#### FOR SALE

Sacramento #3, Blk 10, Lot 7. 1.13 acres. Electricity at rear / water nearby. NE exposure, excellent view. REDUCED to \$7,800. 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 around corner from campus, 3K under book. Call 505-523-5856.

### HOME FOR SALE

Very Unique, Delightful Home on approximately 1/2 acre. Borders National Forest on a cul-de-sac. 3 Bedrooms, 1 3/4 Baths, Custom Kitchen, Den. Central Heating and Wood Stove. \$172,000.

Aspen Realty Associates, 505-682-5032.

### 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.

## Women's Creative Workshops

Instructor: April A. Wiehn [www.artspiritwireworks3.com](http://www.artspiritwireworks3.com)

\$25 each class

only 4 classes, register early  
Classes start June 27th  
5 to 8 Sunday Afternoon

*Relax, create and enjoy some quality time as a woman*

*Stepping Stones: Your woman path*  
*Wire Sculpture: Guardian for garden/patio*  
*Back to the 60's: Tye Dye*  
*Soap Making: Desert Style*

Classes held at Tierra de Suenos in Tularosa

To register:

Alamogordo Community Ed  
505-439-3822

<http://alamo.nmsu.edu/community/ace>



### 5TH WHEEL FOR SALE

2000 GL Fleetwood Wilderness 34' 5th Wheel, M32-5 w/Triple Slides, L-Shaped Kitchen, Ceiling Fan, 16' Screen Room Addition. **\$23,000.00** - below NADA Book. Call 505-987-2469 in Timberon

## CABIN RENTAL



**CLOUDCROFT VACATION LOG HOME**

Call Mark

Very comfortable, rustic, custom built log home in an early settlement, surrounded by scenic views of Cloudcroft. Features a large master bedroom with walk-in closet, dining room, built-in refrigerator, separate living and dining areas. Additional three bedrooms and one bath. Fully equipped kitchen with dishwasher, laundry facilities and separate storage room. Living room with wood burning stove. Covered deck in front, open back with hot tub in back. Will sleep up to 14 people. \$225.00 per night for one or fewer persons, \$75.00 per person, per night for any number over six.

*Cloudcroft Properties*  
505-682-2308  
July 2, 2004

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