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PRESIDENT'S PONDERING Retrospection and Introspection



That time of year is just around the corner when I begin to look back on the year to prepare our Christmas letter to family and friends. Often it is filled with introspective and retrospective thoughts which are stimulated by photos taken throughout the preceding months. They spur memories of what was good and not so good. Therefore, this would be an opportune time for a premature holiday letter.

There is a quick reaction when I see the Ranch House photos from the beginning of the year with kitchen scaffolding and bare walls; lathe, plaster and junk piled up on the west side with snow and ice everywhere. It was miserable to try and work through the winter. The library books covered with plastic on the porch and those that didn't make it that far were covered with a layer of thick sheet rock dust. The Rock Room and south porch filled with cabinets and kitchen paraphernalia. The smell of moth balls still remains in my nose, the skunk's nose and all the other vermin that were extricated from under the Ranch House floor and the Zetor shed aka "snake shed."

Those seven days in a row in January that I barely saw my husband and I bet Judy Toellner didn't see hers either. Clearing nearly record snow levels continued into February.

One-hundred-seventy-two (172) hours of volunteer labor in April were expended for all the preparation and painting of the interior ranch house and Rock Room. The disinfecting process started for the well and plumbing only to have it repeated two days later after repairs of broken plumbing valves from the harsh winter. The smell of moth balls was replaced with the smell of bleach.

In May another 200+ hours of volunteer labor with cleaning books, installation of built-in library shelves, removal of debris from the winter renovation and setting in place the new flag pole for dedication at the annual meeting over Memorial Day. Those poor Elm limbs to the east looked like barren naked sticks reaching for the sky after trimming and topping. I thought they would never recover, but they did – safer, greener and "bushier."

June saw the final repair of Bobcat Road that was washed out in the September 2009 "storm of the century" and removal of the old kitchen flooring at the Ranch house. The new Ford F550 arrived with its nine foot snow blade on front. It was too late for the 7' of snow we received in December, January and February,

but is now ready for future snowfalls.

July gave us newly painted north lake fences and a cut steel sign for the Community Center Ranch House donated by Don and Joleen Parry. Forty-four (44) belly dumps of gravel arrived for Culebra, Pinetree, Black Bear, and Pinion.

More work on the Ranch House continued into August, September and October with touch up painting, scraping of windows, tiling, installation of the new kitchen cabinetry, plumbing of fixtures in bathroom and kitchen and a real hot water heater. Additional built-in shelves were made for the main library room. Econo-heaters were also placed in the well room to prevent freeze damage and finally, placement of a new kitchen floor covering. The south lake fence received a new fresh coat of paint. Another forty plus (40+) belly dump gravel trucks delivering their loads to Sunflower, Buttonwood, Woodland, Copperweed, Wolf Road and Lake View Drive. Widening of road over ravines on Pinetree was completed.

A heap of work was done this year and some ask, "What are you and the volunteers going to do with yourselves when it is all done." An older and wiser person once told me never be presumptuous to think that one's Inbox is ever empty even at what appears to be the end. There were times when it all seemed too much for volunteers, whether it was the Board, or we as landowners – balancing personal life with that of responsibility.

I found the following to be invaluable for me: Rely on self discipline and not emotion – choosing 'gearing up' and not 'giving up' when the going gets difficult. Let go of ego – if you can't be bothered with little things, you can't be trusted to do big things.

Give power away – be a river and not a reservoir. People go along with the people with whom they get along. And the biggest one – Laugh – especially at yourself. According to Mark Twain, it's the only effective weapon that the human race has to make resentment and irritation slip away to be replaced with a sunny disposition.

So, for now, it is farewell from Timberlake, where the volunteers are strong, the deer are good looking, and Timberlake awaits the first blanket of snow to begin its rest for the winter – along with rest for the volunteers – but not the F550. ✓

~ Linda Pedersen

Treasurer's Report

by Eileen Domer

The 2010-2011 year to date income: \$112,335.92
Expenses: \$ 51,683.75

The largest expenses have been (amounts include expenses for October 2010):

The Ranch House renovation	\$ 10,509.00
Gravel for several roads	\$ 50,779.00
Heavy equipment maintenance/repair	\$ 2,112.00
Cibola county property taxes	\$ 634.02
McKinley County property taxes:	\$ 182.96



All expenses have stayed under budget.

For details please see spreadsheet, page 10, 11.

Collections: There are four lots with Association dues owing more than \$1,000.00 and 90 lots are behind one to two and a half years (12.3%).

Letters notifying the owners of our intention to foreclose have been sent to the four landowners owing over \$1000.00 and past due notices were sent to the others.

Twelve liens will be applied to the lots that are 18 months behind in February.

The Board is working hard to keep the cost of running the Association to a minimum. If you are unable to pay your Association dues because of financial and/or personal difficulties please call or E-mail me to arrange a payment plan and hold the interest. Phone and E-mail: (505) 783-4045; tedomer@wildblue.net. ✓



Emergency Medical Services Available in Timberlake



Many of you have been previously informed about PHI Cares, an air medical evacuation program, at the last annual meeting, and took advantage of the annual membership cost of \$40 per household per year.

For more information, please contact: (www.phicare.com).

There is another informative medical fact that all landowners should know. New Mexico only recognizes its own EMS – DNR (do not resuscitate) legal form. This is where you give specific instructions that you do not wish to have emergency medical care and a “do not resuscitate” – i.e. an advance directive to limit the scope of EMS care.

Emergency staff have to treat if there is no advance directive on file in New Mexico. The form (with ALL required signatures) must be with the patient and presented to EMS personnel at the time of the incident. EMS personnel cannot accept that there is one.

If your advance directive is not with the state of New Mexico and you wish to obtain a copy, or more information, contact the Department of Health Emergency Management, 1301 Siler Road, Building F, Santa Fe, NM 87507 (505.476.8200). ✓

In Case of Emergency (I.C.E.)

We all carry our cell phones with names and numbers stored in its memory, but nobody, other than ourselves, knows which of these numbers belong to our closest family or friends.

Apparently, there is a standard procedure all paramedics are beginning to follow at the scene of an accident when they come across your cell phone.

The concept of “ICE” is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. All you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during an emergency under the name “ICE” (In Case of Emergency).

A paramedic found that when he went to a scene of an accident, there were always cell phones with patients, but they didn't know which number to call, and thought it a good idea if there was a nationally recognized name for this purpose. Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialing the number you have stored as “ICE”.

For more than one contact name, simply enter ICE 1, ICE 2, ICE 3, etc. This seems to be a great idea that will make a significant difference. Let's spread the concept of ICE by storing an ICE number in our cell phone today! It really could save our life, or put a loved one's mind at rest. ICE will speak for us when we are unable. ✓





ROADS REPORT



Board Member, Jerry Toellner, our new Ranch Hand, Jeremy St. Charles, and volunteer, Tom Merritt have been busy this fall readying the side roads for winter and keeping the county/BIA roads in good condition.

- Most of the t-posts on the side roads have been marked with orange paint.
- Timberlake, Sunflower, Buttonwood, Copperweed and Woodland roads were graded and prepped for gravel.
- On October 12th and 13th one thousand two hundred and fifty (1,250) tons of gravel were delivered by C&E Concrete and spread on Sunflower, Buttonwood, Copperweed, Woodland, Sagebrush, Wolf and Lake View Roads. (Cost: \$24,288.54)
- Ditches and culverts have been cleaned and trees were trimmed along the side roads on the west side of Timberlake, Cibola 1 and Cibola 2.
- Road prep will continue along the side roads on the east side of Timberlake.
- TRLA employees and volunteers have spent more than 48 hours grading the County and BIA road Cibola County graded 48A/157 on October 19th and 20th.

The roads are looking good for winter! We thank the land-owners for their patience during the installation of the gravel.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT

- Replaced two tires and a rim for the old dump truck (\$937.74).
- The new Ford truck was equipped with a shovel and side boards (\$109.24) and lettering was applied to the doors (\$70.16). We are still waiting for the amber warning light to mount on the cab.
- A new tire for the Zetor tractor (\$366.45).
- The snowplows will be mounted next month on the grader, truck and tractor. ✓



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COMMONS REPORT

RANCH HOUSE:

Volunteers and contracted carpenters have been busy these past three months completing the Ranch House renovations.

Contractor and several volunteers built and finished wall shelves in the two rooms that make up the Community Library.

(Supplies TRLA: \$229.85 Neighborhood Volunteers: \$726.28+ \$250. for rotating video shelving.)



Volunteers installed a new hot water heater, bathroom fixtures, hand sink in the kitchen and did the plumbing in the bathroom and kitchen. An electrical stove paid for by the volunteer group was installed. (Supplies: \$878.51.)

Gonzales Woodworks from Grants built and installed all new kitchen cabinetry and Formica counter tops. (Parts, labor and tax: \$6,404.40.)

Another contractor installed and grouted the ceramic tile on the floor of the bathroom and on the wall behind the kitchen sink. He also installed the slate colored floating floor in the kitchen. Volunteers cleaned, applied stain and wax to floors in the library rooms. (Supplies and labor \$2,511.42.)

An old style fence, reusing old fence posts, was built to prevent vehicles from driving over the septic system. (Labor: \$180.00.)

Don Parry cleaned and serviced the propane heaters in the Ranch House and Rock Room.

The Ranch House has been winterized and two electric Econo-heaters have been placed near the well pump and the room where the paint is stored.

We can't thank the volunteers and Board members ENOUGH for donating 264 hours (\$2640.00) of labor to restore and make safe the original welcoming and cozy atmosphere of our early twentieth century Ranch house.

Next spring we plan to spray foam insulation in all the ceilings, refinish the floors in the History Room and set up an exhibit highlighting the early years of Timberlake Ranch.

BATH HOUSE



The Board had a professional heating and air conditioner contractor evaluate the Bath House furnace. The furnace was installed in 1982 and has rusted to a point that it is not safe. The Board is actively soliciting bids to replace the propane furnace, install a vent in the men's room and upgrade the bath plumbing fixtures.

We will be monitoring the cost and effectiveness of the new Econo-heaters in the Ranch House (only use 400 watts of electricity) as possibly a less expensive solution to heating the Bath House next year.

The Bath House was winterized and water to the outside faucets has been turned off. We expect to reopen on April 1st of next year, weather permitting.

COMMON GROUNDS AND RANCH HOUSE LAWN:

Volunteers mowed the lawn and picked up trash along Timberlake and the side roads.

Next year the lawns can be cared for by the new Ranch hand, Jeremy St. Charles, but it is your neighbors who are picking up the trash that falls from the back of trucks or is thrown from a window. Please be considerate. ✓

How Long Before Mailboxes are Available in Timberlake to Accommodate TRLA Rural Mail Delivery Customers?

There have been frustrated Timberlake Ranch Postal Service customers lately, and in previous years, because of the waiting list to obtain a mailbox at the Fire Station parking lot area.

A joint agreement was obtained years ago when the Timberlake Ranch Developer deeded a lot to McKinley County for the placement of a Volunteer Fire Department. At the same time the Postal Service was able to obtain a secure, organized space for multi-units on the same lot. As this area developed, more of these multi-units were placed by the Postal Service.



Communication of late was that these units were no longer being purchased by the Postal Service and it would become necessary for individuals to pool resources and buy additional ones (space allowing) at a figure close to \$1000.

Bill Wolford has been in contact with the local postmaster and reports that indeed the Postal Service does contract with a vendor for placement of more mailboxes. However, there is only one contractor for the entire state and the appropriate paperwork for an additional multi-box unit has been submitted and there is placement space available on the cement area. ETA – unknown. ✓

Architectural/Maintenance Report

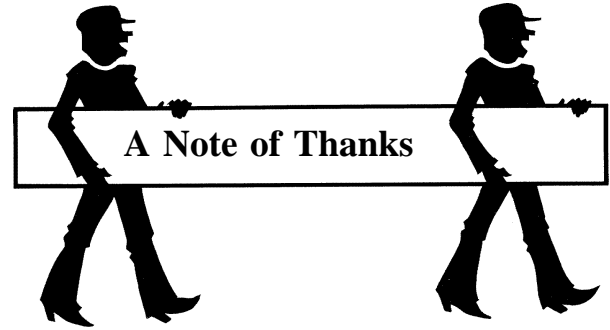


No building plans have been submitted in the last quarter which probably mirrors the housing market difficulties nationwide.

- All violations still on record were site revisited:
- Six (6) with questioned oversized sheds/undersized residences, one trailer storage, and three abandoned foundations.
- Two were found to be over 600 sq. ft. and letters sent (10.6.10) to landowners saying the violation on file had been closed.
- Trailer was no longer stored on lot and file closed.
- Five (5) sheds are oversized and letters were sent (10.6.10) to landowners requesting feedback within 30 days as to how they wished to come within compliance. Two have responded and communication is in process.
- There remain 9 violations on record.
- Letters sent on two metal buildings erected this summer/fall that have not been painted with deadline of 7.31.11. Architectural approval of buildings noted that landowners are aware that they need to be painted.
- Three (3) verbal complaints by two (2) landowners were investigated. These concerns were over setback violations, trespass, and light invasion.
- The Committee encourages landowners to use Dark Sky compliant outdoor light fixtures if they are dusk to dawn. Four of these fixtures were used on the exterior of the ranch house when renovated. They are extremely cost effective – both in the purchase price and electric bills. Wattage is very low (10-20 watts) and approx. 50,000 hours on one bulb. There are many dusk to dawn fixtures around the ranch which hopefully will be replaced by landowners in the near future to help with light invasion and Dark Sky compliance with the New Mexico State Law. Please consult www.TRnews.info for lots of Dark Sky information. Please refer to Article IV Section 10, (page 14) of the Amended and Restated Covenants. ✓

Just A Reminder

If you have not yet moved your RV to warmer climes, now may be your last chance before you are unable to for the winter months. Last winter Timberlake had a record snowfall of seven feet during winter, which is more than we've had over recent winters for a few years. ✓



We'd like to thank all of the volunteers and contributors who participated in the Ranch House, adjoining facilities and the fence painting projects that have been completed for the Community Center Ranch House and common grounds.

- Don Parry, Allan and Pat Burnam for constructing, staining, and installing the built-in bookcases for the second library room.
- Shirl Henderson and friend and Nancy Wills who were regretfully not mentioned as participating in completion of painting the north lake fence.
- Linda Shoppe and Jack Mansperger for painting the south lake fence.
- George Dobbs investigative and roofing skills in finding and fixing that bothersome leak on the Community Center roof.
- Tim and Lucia Amsden's contribution of a beautiful southwestern picture to be placed in the renovated Community Center.
- Bill and Carren Kangas for donating the rustic wood materials to make a credenza-like table for the Community Center and Tim and Lucia Amsden for donating the stereo that now resides on it.
- Danny Montoya for his plumbing skills to install the kitchen and hand-washing sink and shutting down and draining the water lines for the Community Center and bathhouse.
- Don Parry for the cleaning and preventive maintenance on the four propane heaters in the library and Rock Room.
- Barbara Duncan and literary assistants who organized and hosted the library all summer during difficult renovation messes.
- Bill and Jo Kirchner for donating an area rug for the Rock Room.
- To all those special people that have been part of the success in the renovation and saving a historic century old ranch building which was threatened with destruction not that many years ago.

Thank you one and all! ✓



EXPANDED MEMBER SERVICES: INTERNET/BETTER CELL SERVICE

The Board is exploring the idea of leasing / purchasing a satellite to provide Internet service at the Ranch Community Center to members in good standing – during the April – October camping season.



**We would like your opinion.
Do you want a portion
of your dues used for Internet access?**

Satellite: Wildblue.net provides only leasing of equipment and a two year contract must be signed. Plan can go seasonal after one year.

Installation – \$132.22 for dish, installation, tax
Monthly cost – Select (up to 1.0 Mbps) 54.95+ 6.00 lease X 12 mo.
Second year 69.95+ 6.00 lease = total yearly cost \$767.88 – \$971. or \$76 a month for 12 months.

Hughes.net may lease or purchase equipment. A two year contract must be signed. Plan can go seasonal after 3 months.

If leasing must pass a credit check and is \$10.00 @ month additional.
If purchase installation cost – \$425.43 for dish, installation, tax
Monthly cost: Basic (which is equal to Wildblue’s Select)
\$62.92 a month with tax each month for 12 months = \$755.04/yr.

Currently the Ranch house is only open Tuesday 1-4 pm and during volunteer activities.

A landowner will need their own computer to check their E-mail. The Association would also have to buy a router for an additional \$40.00 (or more) and a password would have to be assigned.

Wildblue updates it’s band space every month and Hughes every 24 hrs. Hughes does provide free time 3 a.m. - 5 a.m.

Problems with a satellite/router system are: movies, music and game files use up a tremendous amount of band space. A few people’s indulgence would mean others would not be able to get their E-mail messages until after the updates. There is no question that router signal would be interrupted during power failures. We may need a person on call to troubleshoot the set up, or to monitor Internet usage.

TRLA would not be able to block a landowner who is not a member in good standing from using the service once they have the password. There may be problems with people hanging out at the Ranch house between 3-5 a.m.

OR, AN ANTENNA/REPEATER SYSTEM

Mary Jo and Dick Wallen recently installed this system and eliminated their Hughes net service. The Wallen’s invested around \$1,000 for the antenna and installation (one-time fee). An estimate for a similar system at the Ranch House would be about the same based on current prices.

The antenna was purchased from Cellantenna for \$608.24, (plus \$200. for installing the antenna above the roof of the house) and miscellaneous equipment \$200. The Wallen’s live on Yucca Drive and had minimal cell service. With the antenna in place, they’ve gone from no bars to 3-4 bars on their cell phone and service has been consistently good (plus a \$20 savings per month over Hughes

Net service). If anyone would like to see their system, you may call Mary Jo at 783-4207.

Your computer must be Wi-Fi ready and you’ll need your own Wi-Fi card. The Wallen’s have a MiFi card from Verizon and up to five computers can access the system at one time for a monthly cost of \$59.99 (not including tax) for 5 GB of service. The first few months of usage have been around 1.2 GB.

Benefits of the plan are:

1. No unsightly dish in the yard.
2. Timberlake would own the antenna/repeater with a one-time investment.
3. Each user has to have their own Wi-Fi card and computer, so Timberlake is not at risk for high usage/charges.
4. Cell service would consistently be available in and around the Ranch House.

Additional considerations:

1. This information is based on Verizon service. We would need to determine if Sprint, etc. would work just as well. If anyone knows which cell towers are close to Ramah, would you please provide that information to Mary Jo Wallen?

Please fill out the form below if you are interested in one of these programs. Mail to Mary Jo Wallen, HC 61 Box 845, Ramah, NM 87321-9611. Or E-mail a note to mrsdw19@aol.com.

Preferred Type of Internet Service:

Wildblue.net () Hughes. Net () Antenna ()

What type of cell phone do you use:

Verizon () Sprint () AT&T () Other _____

Can we use a portion of your dues for one of these options?

Yes () No ()

When would you use this service?

Summer only () Full Time Resident ()

Daily () Weekly () Monthly ()

When would you want the service available?

Next year () 2-3 Yrs Away ()

If you have additional comments or questions, please list here:

Name _____

Phone # _____ for more needed information). ✓



Equestrian Easements & Ramah Trail System



Stone cairns marking the Aspen trailhead may not be in place until next spring or early summer; currently, orange flags mark the property line by the Aspen trailhead. Additionally, we intend to mark the easements in the Cloh Chin Toh (CCT) area by early next summer.

Hikers and horseback riders should also be aware of the fact that utility easements were established for the convenience of the utility company. Therefore, if a person hikes or rides on a utility easement, it is considered a trespass against the landowner's property.

Important – We Want Your Input Concerning the Horse Pasture and Common Area located in CCT

Eighty acres is presently not being used except by deer and coyotes. This area contains an abundance of brush, cedar and pinion; however, there are several open areas that could be used for various activities: a driving range, putting green, archery, softball diamond, shuffleboard and whatever else you might think appropriate.

There are many spots that would be perfect for a picnic table or benches because the views of the cliffs and corresponding valley are spectacular! If you have ideas or suggestions for this project, please call Mary Jo Wallen: 1-505-783-4207, or E-mail her at mrsdw19@aol.com. If you would be willing to volunteer your time by mowing brush and/or setting up some of the activity areas, let us know.

Ramah Trail System

Recently, McKinley County received word that the New Mexico Recreation Trail Governing Board received a grant of \$41,500 to build a trailhead/parking area at the old Ramah rodeo grounds. The grant for the McGaffey part of the trail was \$140,000. Once completed, these trail systems will meet.

County road crews will help prepare the road and graveling of the parking lot that will be the beginning of the trail in Ramah. The project is being done in partnership with the Ramah Land and Irrigation Company, which owns the property where the parking lot will be located. Initially, the trail will loop with 1-mile and 3-mile sections. Later, the trails will connect for a total of 6 to 10 miles. Cultural and environmental studies still have to be performed, so the trails that will eventually hook up with the McGaffey trail system are several years away.

Ideas for more trails, including a trail system in the Zuni Mountains, will be performed in partnership with Cibola County taking care of the eastern side of the mountain, and McKinley County following with a trail on the western side that will connect both.

At the present time, it appears that the trails are primarily being geared for hikers and mountain bikers. However, last month

Mary Jo Wallen met with Mr. Doug Decker, McKinley County Attorney, and he provided contact names and numbers to pursue equestrian interests. Mr. Decker did confirm that motorized vehicles (ATVs, motorcycles, etc.) would not be allowed on these trails.

If anyone would like more information, you may call Mary Jo at 1-505-783-4207, or E-mail her at the following address: www.zunimountaintrailspartnership.com/supporting-organizations.html and www.adventuregallup.org. ✓

Living With Large Predators What to Do if You Meet a Large Predator Courtesy New Mexico Game & Fish Department

There are no definite rules about what to do if you meet a large predator. In most cases, the animal will detect you first and will leave the area. Attacks are rare compared to the number of encounters. However, if you do encounter one, here are some suggestions. Remember: Every situation is different with respect to the animal, the terrain, and the person.

STAY CALM

If you see a predator that hasn't seen you, calmly leave the area. As you move away, talk out loud to let the animal know of your presence.

STOP



Back away slowly while facing the predator if you can do so safely. Avoid direct eye contact. Don't run as this might stimulate its instinct to chase and attack. Give it plenty of room to escape.

DO ALL YOU CAN TO APPEAR LARGER

Raise your arms and open your jacket if you are wearing one. If you have small children with you, protect them by picking them up so they don't panic and run. **FIGHT BACK:** If a predator does attack, fight back aggressively. Use any possible objects such as rocks, sticks, backpacks, caps, jackets or even your bare hands.

NEVER APPROACH

Wild animals are unpredictable, however, they will usually avoid a confrontation unless pushed into one.

WATCH FOR YOUNG

Coming between a female and her young can be dangerous. If a young animal is nearby, try to move away from it, being alert for others that might be around.

CONVINCE IT YOU'RE NOT PREY

If the animal approaches closer or behaves aggressively, arm yourself with a large stick, throw rocks or sticks at it, speak louder and more firmly to it. Convince the predator that you are dominant and a danger to it. ✓

Timberlake Ranch 201 “Origins and Stories”

In previous newsletters we spoke of the Cibola Cattle Company with headquarters in the Box S buying 65 sections of land from the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad in 1886. Col. E. A. Carr (President, Cibola Cattle Co.) was transferred to Fort Wingate, N.M. in 1884. His last Indian campaign occurred in December of 1890, when he took part in the sad event leading to the Wounded Knee Massacre in South Dakota. Carr and his wife moved back east to Washington, D.C., in 1893, after promotion to brigadier general. The Cibola Cattle Co. never proved profitable and in 1899, General Carr bought the cattle company at a sheriff's sale. He was determined to leave the ranch to his wife for her old age. Carr died in Washington on December 2, 1910, and was buried in the cemetery at his alma mater, West Point.

Warranty Deed records show that Mary Carr, widow of General E.A. Carr, sold all the land holdings to Washington Investment Company in Albuquerque, NM on April 27, 1915, for \$10. It was filed for record on June 1, 1920 in McKinley Co. This included 10 sections in Township 11N Range 16 W and 10 sections in Township 10N Range 16 W. (A Section contains 640 acres and is one mile by one mile; Township contains 36 sections and is six miles by six miles and measures east and west; Range is assigned to a township by measuring north and south of the Principal Meridian.)

Special Master's Deed record shows that a foreclosure and sale was ordered by the district court of Bernalillo County, NM on November 16, 1923, and modified on March 4, 1924, against Washington Investment Company and sold to First Savings Bank & Trust Company of Albuquerque, NM for \$21,650. This transaction was filed for record in McKinley County Sept. 23, 1925.

A Quitclaim Deed filed in McKinley County on February 3, 1926, documents that First Savings Bank & Trust Company of Albuquerque transferred all the sections to First National Bank of Albuquerque for the sum of \$1.

On February 26, 1926 First National Bank of Albuquerque sold to L.L. Dent eighteen sections (11,520 acres) in the Timberlake area for the sum of \$15,720. The deed was not filed in McKinley County until November 2, 1931.

Louis L Dent and the Cloh Chin Toh Ranch

The Dent Ranch and also known as the Cloh Chin Toh Ranch was in operation for 42 years. Most of the stories and significant changes occurred in this time period. Unfortunately, we are still trying to acquire more information from the Dent descendants and ranch hand operators. This remains a historical work in progress.

Who was Louis L Dent?

Mr. Dent is mentioned extensively in Chapter 8 of the book by Cynthia Farah Haines, *Showtime! From Opera Houses to Picture Palaces in El Paso*. “In the early 1920s, C. J. Musselman and Louis L. Dent of Dallas established a statewide chain of movie theaters.

In addition to buying theaters, they entered into local partnerships and soon had a circuit that operated from Paris, Texas, to El Paso and from the Rio Grande Valley to Amarillo. In 1926, Musselman sold his ownership in the chain, and the circuit became Dent Theaters, Inc. Realizing the potential value of building a modern motion picture theater to accommodate the new talking pictures, Dent began looking for property in El Paso.

In February of 1927, Louis L. Dent, Inc., bought land in the center of the business district of El Paso at Pioneer Plaza where four major streets converged for \$287,000. Dent owned the principal movie theaters in El Paso: the Ellanay, Palace, Wigwam, and Grecian, and was leasing the Texas Grand. In 1928, Louis Dent began construction of an atmospheric theater in El Paso specifically for talking pictures. Built during 1929 and 1930 in the midst of the Depression at a cost of \$1 million, the Plaza Theatre was heralded as the southwest's most perfect theater. A 3000-seat multiuse theater was intended to accommodate road shows and grand opera, but primarily motion pictures. The front page of the February 14, 1927, *El Paso Times* featured the headline “\$1,000,000 For Pioneer Plaza.” In the article Dent proclaimed, “El Paso has been good to me and I am going to put up something everybody will be proud of.”

In August 1929, while the Plaza was under construction, Louis L. Dent announced that Paramount-Famous Pictures-Lasky Corporation had become the sole owner of Dent Theaters. Paramount-Publix, a distribution subsidiary and run by Sam Katz in New York City, would assume operation of all Dent's theaters in El Paso: The Ellanay, Palace, Wigwam, American and the Plaza, which was still under construction.

In a telegram sent to the *El Paso Herald*, Dent stated, “Texas and especially El Paso have been good to me and my company. My chief regret is that I will not personally be involved in the completion of the visible expression of our gratitude in the new Plaza Theatre.”

How did Louis L. Dent find the Timberlake area?

This appears to be a question that has no concrete answer at this time. He was from the Dallas, Texas area and may have

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MOUNTAIN LION

Courtesy New Mexico Game & Fish Dept.



Physical Characteristics

The lion's scientific name, (*Puma concolor*) means "cat of one color." Mountain lions in New Mexico are usually tawny to light-cinnamon in color with black-tipped ears and tail. Adult cats can weigh from 80 to 150 pounds and measure eight feet long, with the tail included. The fur is short and kept clean by grooming.

Mountain lions, even young cats, are easy to distinguish from other wild cats in New Mexico by their long tail. Female lions generally reproduce when they are about two and a half years old, and give birth to an average of two to three young, called kittens. New born kittens are about a foot long and weigh approximately one pound. They normally live on the mother's milk for a month, after which they start eating meat she brings to them. The spotted kittens are cute when young, but quickly develop sharp claws and teeth that will serve them well when they grow up.

Hunting and Feeding Habits

Powerful muscles, sharp teeth, keen eyesight and hearing, and genetic makeup give mountain lions the need and the ability to kill prey for food. Most active from dusk to dawn, lions will

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known some of the original investors in the Cibola Cattle Company or even Col. Carr and his son Clark Carr.

In the book *Bailing Wire & Gamuza* by Barbara Vogt Mallery she spoke of her father Evon Vogt's difficulties when the cattle business did not thrive and sheep ranching became the main focus. "Never one to despair, my father returned to his own sheep business. Bank records and correspondence about land leases and bank loans reveal various sheep companies: The Ramah Sheep Company in 1926-1927, the Vogt Sheep Company in 1927, and eventually the Atarque Sheep Company, organized and incorporated with investments from special friends Artie Bruce, Ray Smith (of the A.P. Smith Corporation) and Louis Dent, theater owner from Dallas, Texas."

It is also unclear how and when Mr. Dent acquired the Hamblin House (Timberlake Ranch Community Center). All the adobe add-ons to the main wood structure were the result of Mr. Dent which are now referred to as the Rock Room, office, workroom and well room. He was also responsible for building the upper ranch house in the late 1940s which Ted Broderick currently owns.

also travel and hunt in daylight. Lions prefer to eat deer; however, they do kill elk, porcupines, small mammals, livestock and a variety of domestic animals, even pets. It has been estimated that an adult lion can survive well on one deer per week. Mountain lions prefer to kill their own prey. Like most cats, they take their prey by ambush rather than by a long pursuit. Lions usually kill with a powerful bite below the base of the skull, breaking the neck. The unconsumed portions are covered with dirt, leaves or snow and the lion may return to feed on it over the course of a few days. Lions feeding on a kill can be extremely dangerous to people.



Habitat

Historically the mountain lion has occupied all parts of the state except the open, eastern plains. Lions are found in areas of pinon pine, juniper, mountain mahogany, ponderosa pine, oak brush and subalpine meadows. Areas with plentiful populations of deer are likely to have abundant populations of mountain lions. Individual lions range in areas varying in size from 10 to over 300 square miles. Females with young kittens use the smallest areas, adult males occupy the largest areas. Size of the home range depends on the terrain and how much food is available. ✓

Editor's Note: More information on the wildlife that we live with will be provided as space permits.



There are several stories and ranch tales forthcoming in the next Timberlake Times about Mr. Dent and his wife Louise along with Angeline, her companion.

Mr. Dent died of cancer on February 8, 1948. The obituary from the Dallas Morning News stated: "Death Takes Louis L. Dent: Louis L. Dent 64, of 5505 Northwest Highway, widely known Western Theater Executive, died Saturday in Phoenix, AZ after a two month illness. Dent was president of Westland Theaters, Inc. which operates a group of theaters in Colorado cities. In 1918, he formed in Texas the Dent Theaters, Inc. and operated show houses in twenty-six Texas cities and towns including El Paso, Waco, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Abilene, Paris, Denison and Temple. He sold the Dent circuit in 1929. He owned large ranches near Colorado Springs, CO, Matheson, CO, Stinnett, Hutchinson County, TX, and south of Gallup, NM. The town of Atarque, NM, is located on one of his ranch properties. Surviving are his wife and son, Frank L. Dent of Colorado Springs, CO, and a sister, Mrs. F. J. Duckett of Hyattsville, MD." ✓

To be continued...

Fiscal Year 2010-2011		2010	2010	2010	
		JULY	AUG	SEPT	YTD
INFLOWS					
5009	Assessment Fees				
	current yr collections	\$ 89,684.14	\$ 13,406.34	4132.89	\$ 107,223.37
	previous yrs collections	\$ 267.28	\$ 1,903.84	247.43	\$ 2,418.55
5011	Assessment fee Woodland	\$ 1,610.00	\$ -	0	\$ 1,610.00
5915	Key Income	\$ 67.00	\$ 31.00	20	\$ 118.00
5920	Donations	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
5930	Finance Charges	\$ 238.00	\$ 253.00	475	\$ 966.00
TOTAL income		\$ 91,866.42	\$ 15,594.18	\$ 4,875.32	\$ 112,335.92

Expenses

Board

6050	Annual Meeting	\$ 87.00	\$ -	-16	\$ 71.00
6103	Insurance-Directors & Officers	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6120	Meetings and socials		\$ -		\$ -
6140	Office Supplies & Exp	\$ 471.00	\$ 200.00	216	\$ 887.00
6160	Postage	\$ 4.00	\$ 7.00	27	\$ 38.00
6215	Subscriptions and Dues	\$ 10.00	\$ -	0	\$ 10.00
6290	Mileage - Board Members		\$ -	30	\$ 30.00
TOTAL		\$ 572.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 257.00	\$ 1,036.00

Communcations

6130	Newsletter	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6170	Website	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Financial

6010	Accounting	\$ 1,301.00	\$ -	1008	\$ 2,309.00
6020	Audit	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6250	Taxes - Real Estate	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6260	Taxes - Income	\$ -	\$ -	95	\$ 95.00
TOTAL		\$ 1,301.00	\$ -	\$ 1,103.00	\$ 2,404.00

Legal

6110	Legal				
6110.01	Legal - Casutt	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6111	Lien & Notary Fees	\$ 9.00	\$ -	9	\$ 18.00
TOTAL		\$ 9.00	\$ -	\$ 9.00	\$ 18.00

RANCH OPERATIONS

Insurance

6090	Insurance - Workers Comp	\$ -	\$ 188.00	113	\$ 301.00
6100	Insurance - Liability & Bond	\$ -	\$ -	2662	\$ 2,662.00
TOTAL		\$ -	\$ 188.00	\$ 2,775.00	\$ 2,963.00

Employee Wages & Taxes

Wages

6310	Wages				
6310.01	Grader Time (\$10,000.00)	\$ 623.00	\$ -	0	\$ 623.00
6310.02	Brushhog Time	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6310.03	Snowplow (\$2,600)	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6310.06	Sanitation & Janitorial (W-9) (\$1,400)	\$ 190.00	\$ -	340	\$ 530.00
6310.07	Ranch Hand (\$5,000)	\$ -	\$ -	350	\$ 350.00

Taxes

6220	Taxes - FICA	\$ 48.00	\$ -	27	\$ 75.00
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6230	Taxes - Federal Unemployment	\$ 5.00	\$ -	3	\$ 8.00
6240	Taxes - State Unemployment	\$ 7.00	\$ -	4	\$ 11.00
6300	Mileage - Foreman & Employees	\$ -	\$ -	20	\$ 20.00
	TOTAL	\$ 873.00	\$ -	\$ 744.00	\$ 1,617.00
	Buildings & Commons				
6150	Operating Supplies	\$ 70.00	\$ -	76	\$ 146.00
6180	Building Maintenance & Repairs	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6180.01	Ranch House	\$ 16.00	\$ 5,072.00	4529	\$ 9,617.00
6180.02	Bath House	\$ -	\$ -	4	\$ 4.00
6181	Common Land Maintenance/Repairs	\$ 97.00	\$ 194.00	49	\$ 340.00
6200	Sanitation & Janitorial Supplies	\$ 65.00	\$ -	12	\$ 77.00
	TOTAL	\$ 248.00	\$ 5,266.00	\$ 4,670.00	\$ 10,184.00
	Equipment Maint. & Repairs				
6070.01	Dump Truck	\$ 156.00	\$ -	938	\$ 1,094.00
6070.02	Grader	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
6070.03	Pick Up	\$ 400.00	\$ -	0	\$ 400.00
6070.04	Tractor	\$ 20.00	\$ -	4	\$ 24.00
6070.05	Other	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ -
	TOTAL	\$ 576.00	\$ -	\$ 942.00	\$ 1,518.00
	FUEL				
6311.01	Gasoline (1,500.00)	\$ 101.00	\$ -	167	\$ 268.00
6311.02	Dyed Diesel (8,000.00)	\$ 893.00	\$ -	0	\$ 893.00
	TOTAL	\$ 994.00	\$ -	\$ 167.00	\$ 1,161.00
	ROADS				
6190.01	Gravel	\$ 3,626.28	\$ 22,084.00	780	\$ 26,490.28
6190.02	Road Maintenance & Repairs	\$ 1,001.47	\$ -	0	\$ 1,001.47
	TOTAL	\$ 4,627.75	\$ 22,084.00	\$ 780.00	\$ 27,491.75
	UTILITIES				
6270	Telephone	\$ -	\$ 36.00	73	\$ 109.00
6280	Electric & Propane	\$ 211.00	\$ 52.00	239	\$ 502.00
	TOTAL	\$ 211.00	\$ 88.00	\$ 312.00	\$ 611.00
6315	CONTINGENCY FUND				\$ -
	NOTES PAYABLE				
6105	Interest Expense	\$ 133.00	\$ 129.00	126	\$ 388.00
2216	F550	\$ 760.00	\$ 764.00	768	\$ 2,292.00
	TOTAL	\$ 893.00	\$ 893.00	\$ 894.00	\$ 2,680.00
		\$ 10,304.75			
	Total outflow	\$ 10,304.75	\$ 28,726.00		\$ 51,683.75
	Total outflow after Rounding difference	\$ 10,304.00	\$ 28,725.00	\$ 12,653.00	\$ 51,683.75



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