

WE GET MORE LETTERS.....

Dear Editor:

Having been a professional military man for thirty years I was dismayed and angered by the article in the Raton Range about the statements made by the Mayor of Springer concerning the suspension of the Police Officer, Rick Martinez. He had not informed the Chief of Police of a problem in the department! If the Mayor had truly been an officer in the Guard he didn't understand "Chain of Command". He had not read the police report! Didn't the Mayor want to confuse himself with the officer's side of the event? Then later I heard Officer Martinez found out why he was suspended by reading the article in the paper. Why wasn't that done at the time of the suspension? Was it that the Mayor didn't know exactly what he could suspend the officer for? Or was it that the Mayor did not have the common courtesy to inform the officer? Since reading the article I understand all the individuals involved in the incident were all adults except for a sick child, the Mayor says juveniles. Does the Mayor have any of the facts? Or is he going on

some of the stories I have heard about the incident? There are as many stories as there are people telling them. If the article in the paper is an example of the Mayor's way of doing things, he does not understand the meaning of leadership and delegation of duties as I learned them in the professional military. I heard some things about the way Officer Martinez started out here in Springer that were not the way to handle some situations. He was, after all, a rookie. I also have heard that he has changed. Someone called a complaint about my step son's driving and Officer Martinez was the officer who pulled him over to inform him of the complaint. My step son was very impressed by the way he was treated and could not understand what the complaints were all about. Let's face it, if someone is going to get hassled by the police officer it will be a teenager.

Carl Nelson



Farley - Gladstone News
by Juanita Baker

Juanita Baker and Virginia Wadlington attended to business and had lunch in Springer on January 22nd. They also visited Mary Powell.

Frank and Letha Redlich were in Raton on January 24th.

Cleo and Laura Baker and their foster son Francisco of San Ysidro, NM had lunch with Cleo's mother, Juanita Baker on Wednesday. The group attended to business in Springer after lunch and Juanita then visited her mother, Mary Powell.

Darrel and Juanita Baker were in Raton on Friday where Darrel had a doctor's appointment. They had lunch with Richard H. Shaw. On the way home through Springer, Juanita visited Mary Powell.

Faye and Pete Gaines and Frank and Letha Redlich attended the basketball games in Springer on Friday. Springer won the Cowbell from Cimarron.

The Gaines and Redlichs accompanied by Virginia Wadlington attended the basketball games in Springer on Saturday. Springer beat Wagon Mound and retained control of the Cowbell. Tami Redlich plays on the Springer Red Devil Team.

The community is sponsoring a pot luck dinner at the Gladstone Community Building on February 4, 1996 at 1:00 PM in honor of Shirley and S.A. Bennett. Everyone is welcome.

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DEBRA WILSON NAMED TO WHO'S WHO

Springer area resident Debrah Wilson is among 45 outstanding students from New Mexico Highlands University who were selected for recognition in Who's Who Among American Universities and Colleges for 1996. Their names will appear in the annual directory honoring many of the nation's top students.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the publication have included students based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success, a release from Who's Who said.

Students selected for the directory comprise less than five percent of those attending more than 1800 colleges and universities in the US and several foreign nations.

NMHU's honorees for 1996 are: Jill Albrecht, Michael Aragon, Edward Archuleta, Michael Benjamin, Stacy C'de Baca, Renee Ciddio, Michelle Concha, Diane Cordova, Dennica Padilla-Faulkner, Donald Fresquez, Stephanie Gallegos, Rosemary Hardy, Brandon Heckroth, Erica Herrera, Kevin Jaramillo, Fenton Khan, Kevin Korte, Tammy Luker, Angela L. Martinez, Vidal Martinez, Sylvia Medina, Steven A. Mendoza, Brenda Montoya, Jonathan Moon, Tiffany Myers, Dolores Ortega, Clyde Ortiz, Luis Ortiz, Jody Patterson, Nathan Richardson, Patricia Romero, Tammy Romero, Jack Sewell, Bruno Spencer, Amy Steed, Karen Topping, Jessica Torres, Dalyn Trujillo, Sandra Trujillo, Antonio Williams, Debrah Wilson, Gerald Wilson, Rochelle Wooden-Vigil, and Loretta Vigil.

NMSU FALL SEMESTER HONOR ROLL

New Mexico State University announced the students who were named to the Fall Semester Dean's Honor Roll.

To be named to the dean's honor roll, a student's grade point average must rank within the top 15% of the college enrollment. The students must be carrying a minimum of 12 hours on a regular grading scale. S/U (pass/fail) courses do not count.

The following are the names of students from our area that were named to the Dean's Honor Roll at NMSU's main campus: David R. Sultemeier from Cimarron, and Wendy Michelle Ray from Roy.

STILL SEARCHING

Frank Mora is still seeking names of servicemen from Colfax County that were killed overseas so these names can be put on the Veteran's Memorial.

He has already obtained names from WWII, Korea, and Viet Nam. This memorial when it is finished, will be located in front of the Colfax County Courthouse.

I would appreciate if any relatives or friends that know or remember any service men that were killed between 1917 and 1918 in WWII. You can contact Frank Mora in Raton or phone: (505)-445-9229.

Also, donations toward this memorial will be greatly appreciated and can be sent to the Bank of New Mexico, P.O. Box 429, Raton, NM 87740 in care of the Veteran's Memorial Fund.

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