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President's Message

It's hard to believe that with Thanksgiving in a couple of weeks and Christmas and New Year's just around the corner the 2012 season is near its end. It's been a good year at Deer Lake. Another summer fire season passed without incident and we had significant rain in July and August. Sandoval County road crews were busy cleaning and replacing culverts and putting a new road bed on old 126. I didn't hear of any nuisance bears. It was another successful fishing season. And with almost 100 Deer Lakers and friends in attendance we had what may be our biggest Labor Day picnic ever. I hope everyone had a chance to spend some time at their mountain homes and enjoyed what we're so fortunate to have at Deer Lake.

I'd like to remind everyone that at the next general meeting in March three board positions are up for (re)election. Volunteers are the heart of our association. Please consider offering your time and talent to helping out. Contact any board member if you'd like to participate or if you know someone to nominate.

Season's Greetings!



The Annual Picnic was very well attended this year.

Our thanks to the Robertson's for hosting the event and all the work they put into buying the food and preparing it.

October Meeting

If you have been up to Deer Lake this fall, you have probably noticed all the road work being done on Old 126. Mark Morales from the Bernalillo County Public Works office came to the October meeting to explain what has been done and what will be done on the roads they are responsible for. We appreciate his time in coming to the meeting and all the work they have done to clean out culverts, widen some places in the road and direct runoff flow away from the road.

Snapshots

Just a quick word about the "Snapshots" section before we learn about the Coulloudons. This section of the newsletter is designed to feature any and all folks who have been associated with the Deer Lake area. The editor will be happy to print information about individuals or families in the area but needs your help in getting material to edit and work with. There is not enough time to go to each individual and record his/her stories and write them up. Please don't be shy about sending a long or short account of your family history with the Deer Lake area. Send a letter or email message to Sara Money or Jean Anderson (email address above). We'd love to hear from you and get photos, too! *Newsletters are published the 15th of February, May, August and November. Please have your information in two weeks before those dates to insure inclusion.*

Condolences

Our condolences to the family of Steve Mirabal, one of the longest-term residents of the Deer Lake area. We hope to have more about the Mirabal family's history here in future newsletters.

The Coulloudons

One of the earliest families in the history of the Deer Lake area is that of William Coulloudon. Our thanks to Tim Ensminger and Sara Money for sending along an article that was published in the New Mexico Magazine in December of 2002 called "The Stonecutter". The following summary is from that article and from an interview with Mariette Coulloudon and a diary that her husband Emil, one of William's sons, wrote in 1915. The interview and sections of the diary were published in The Sandoval Review January 24, 1978.

The story starts in 1872 when William received a message from Archbishop Jean Baptiste Lamy that William's skills as a stonecutter would be useful in Santa Fe. Lamy wanted a great stone cathedral in Santa Fe that would be different from the mud-plastered adobe ones that existed there. Lamy called in stonecutters from France and Italy to make the Cathedral of Saint Francis that is now 1 block east of the Santa Fe Plaza. William sailed to New York took the train to Topeka Kansas – the end of the line at that time – and walked and hitched rides along the Santa Fe Trail, arriving in town in 1874.

After the cathedral was completed, he worked on several stone landmarks around Santa Fe, including the Palace Hotel the Christian Brothers (St Michael's) College and the city's first reservoir. "His wife and three children were sent for and arrived in Santa Fe in 1880. By then, the railroad had arrived and he opened a mercantile store in Lamy where the railroad spur to Santa Fe connected with the mainline of the railroad. He also invested in a sheep ranch in Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico. William and his family moved to Albuquerque in the 1880's where he helped build landmarks in that town including the original Bernalillo County court house in Old Town and the Armijo building, the first three-story structure in town. He died in 1915." (From the New Mexico Magazine, December 2002.)

The Deer Lake connection begins when Emile, the fourth child, was born in Albuquerque in 1891. Emil grew up in Albuquerque but, around 1915, homesteaded in the Jemez Mountains on his Eureka Springs ranch with his wife, Apolinne (Liline), and their infant daughter, Mariette. William and his wife apparently joined Emil and his wife briefly before William's death. The ranch was located between the state fish hatchery and Cuba. Emil's diary articulates some of the difficulties of homesteading there: cold/ wet/mud, or hot/dry/hard pack, disease, injury and hard work. They made their living making butter and selling that in Cuba, fishing, trapping, planting potatoes, alfalfa, barley and the like.

Emil mentions Bluebird, Seniorita and Eureka Mesas and ranches. The diary mentions trips to the Cuba Post Office and meeting families that lived there at the time, many of the families are still solidly represented in and around Cuba.

Eventually the family moved back to Albuquerque and bought a home on 15th and New York (Lomas today). For more than 50 years Emil had a taxidermy shop at the rear of the house. Mariette was a French teacher at the Sandia Prep Academy in the 1938-39 school year. Emil had two sons born after he moved to Albuquerque, Alfred and "Bud." Emil died at home in 1978.