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General Lloyd W. Newton
The BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear General Newton,

Ever since I can remember, I have seen and felt very safe as the planes of Cannon Air Force Base have guarded the skies above my hometown of Clovis, New Mexico. Growing up here, we all know that it would not take much for terrorists or other insurgents to run the border. Our land is so vast and wide-open that it is impossible to protect it 24 hours a day. We have seen this through drug runners and the "Coyotes" who smuggle individuals across the border. This is why I am dismayed that the government has decided to close Cannon Air Force Base.

Cannon offers much potential to our country that, in my opinion, has been overlooked by the Department of Defense. Right now the base offers: 1) unencroached air space suitable for training jets at supersonic speeds; 2) several new and existing facilities useful for joint training exercises; 3) a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training; 4) a community that understands and welcomes air force men, women and their families; and 5) Cannon offers retirees and their families the comfort and security of needed services. If Cannon were to grow I think it could in turn be one of our benchmark air installations of the future.

As a community, we are all behind the men and women who form the core of the base. We want them all to feel a part of our community. We take the extra step to make them feel safe and welcome. Many of them decide to stay and retire here or just raise their families. They become a part of us whether it is for a short time or the rest of their lives.

If Cannon closes, it would be a hard hit to our community. I think about my neighborhood and I count five families in my block alone that would have to move. These are just active duty personnel; I have not counted the retirees or civil service workers. The impact to our community would be felt everywhere. Cannon Air Force Base is critical to us.

I respectfully urge all of you on the BRAC Commission to realize and look into the possibilities of what Cannon Air Force Base could be. Remember all the dreamers from the Wright brothers to all the others who have dared to take that leap into America's future. Cannon is vital to us now please reconsider and KEEP CANNON OPEN!

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Christy Mendoza.

Christy Mendoza
Cultural Arts Director
Clovis Community College

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Jody Magness
9 Yucca Cir
Canyon, TX 79015

The Honorable James H. Bilbray

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Jack
Sullivan

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Keep Cannon

June 15, 2005

Merlene Olmsted
205 N. Houston
Portales, NM 88130

Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr.:

I am very concerned about the BRAC Commission's decision to close Cannon Air Force Base.

I believe that the Commission is not fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include excellent year-round flying/training weather; ample air/ramp space to accommodate surge force requirements in training and emergency situations as well as space to accommodate joint warfare training and readiness. The availability of air space and ideal flying weather makes Cannon the perfect candidate to support future training missions for the F-22, Joint Strike, Fighter, and other military aircraft. Once the New Mexico Training Range Initiative is implemented, Cannon will be able to offer pilots the ability to fly supersonic during training missions.

In addition to the military value to the nation, Cannon has been supported over the last 50 years by the local communities like no other in the country. We consider Cannon a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy, area public schools and Eastern New Mexico University. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20% of its workforce.

Please consider all the facts before making your final decision.

Respectfully yours,

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OPERATION KEEP CANNON

To the distinguished BRAC committee,

We are the communities of Curry and Roosevelt County that have had the honor of having Cannon Air Force Base a part of our community for more than 50 years. There are many reasons that Cannon should NOT be on the BRAC list.

Some of the things are the abundance of air space, void of any encroachment issues. The future use of super sonic fly space, the fabulous weather that permits a year round training ability, In addition, the Melrose bombing range is seconds from the end of the runway at Cannon, which allows pilots to get airborne and immediately begin training operations over the bombing range, rather than spending all of their fuel just to get to the range, having one pass over, then returning to the base.

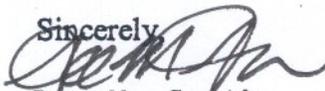
Cannon has the space and facilities to accommodate joint war fighting, training, and readiness as was evidenced by the recent joint training effort between Cannon and the US Navy. Cannon has won countless awards, both on the ACC level, Air Force and NAF levels, and national and STAT levels.

In the early 90's, Curry County, in conjunction with the state of New Mexico purchased air easements around Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE them to the Air Force. This was done to protect that air space from encroachments and was an important issue for the Air Force as it is today. The local community purchased land North of Cannon Air Force Base and GAVE it back to the Air Force for additional housing, now known as Chavez Manor. Within the last few years, our community purchased land west of Cannon and GAVE it back to the Air Force for the installation of instrument lighting on the alternate runway at the base.

As hopefully you will personally witness, the relationship between Cannon Air Force Base and the surrounding towns: Clovis, Portales, Lubbock, Amarillo and many others is UNLIKE ANY OTHER INSTALLATION IN THE COUNTRY. These towns are home to large military retiree populations which rely on Cannon Air Force Base for healthcare, grocery shopping and more.

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Sincerely,



Lee M. Smith
400 N. Carroll Ave.
Southlake, TX 76092



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Dear Lloyd Newton,

This is my input concerning your decision to close Cannon AFB in Clovis, NM. Here are a couple of reasons we have to offer to keep Cannon open as well as the major impact it would have on the surrounding community.

All city services will be reduced: City police, Sheriff, Hospital, Paramedics, Fire Dept., etc., as well as, tax revenues.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides a year round training ability with the exception of a few windy days; this in turn is ideal for perfect flying weather.

Money will become very tight (Buying, selling, borrowing, etc.)

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20-40% of stores will close.

Homes will decrease in value possibly 25-40%, property value will also drop.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,

James Garcia

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Dominic Gutierrez
PO Box 849
Clovis, NM 88101



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David Burch
2301 Northglen Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101



General James T. Hill
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Gen. Hill:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Cannon Air Force base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake, the recommendation is not in the nation's best interest, and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove Cannon from the closure list.

I fear the decision to close Cannon considered only short-term savings and ignored Cannon's unique role in national security. Cannon has many characteristics that would be difficult to impossible to duplicate at any cost. Cannon has the unencroached airspace necessary for training at supersonic speed, a low-cost environment with many millions in recent upgrades, and the highest level of community support of any military base in the nation.

One of the effects that I'm sure was not considered will be the impact to the area's veterans. Cannon houses the only Veteran's Administration hospital in the area. If Cannon is closed, New Mexicans and Western Texans will have to travel hundreds of miles for health care services. Is this any way to treat those who have served and protected our nation?

The impact of this decision will be devastating to all of Eastern New Mexico and Western Texas. The entire area is united in support for this base, and its retention.

If you analyze the cost of replacing all unique characteristics of Cannon Air Force Base, I'm sure that you will see a huge expense instead of a short-term cost savings. I urge you to overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

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June 14, 2005



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Sincerely,

Ronald Dickson

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Bart Barton
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The BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202



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Sincerely,

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Jim Kirkendall
PO Box 888
Modesto, CA 95353-0888

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Dear Samuel Knox Skinner,

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All city services will be reduced: City police, Sheriff, Hospital, Paramedics, Fire Dept., etc., as well as, tax revenues.

The weather in Eastern New Mexico provides a year round training ability with the exception of a few windy days; this in turn is ideal for perfect flying weather.

Money will become very tight (Buying, selling, borrowing, etc.)

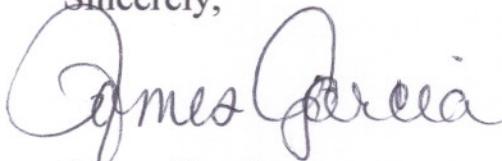
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20-40% of stores will close.

Homes will decrease in value possibly 25-40%, property value will also drop.

WE strongly urge you to reconsider your decision and "Keep Cannon".

Sincerely,



James Garcia

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KEEP CANNON**

David Burch
2301 Northglen Dr.
Clovis, NM 88101

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Cannon Air Force base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake, the recommendation is not in the nation's best interest, and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove Cannon from the closure list.

I fear the decision to close Cannon considered only short-term savings and ignored Cannon's unique role in national security. Cannon has many characteristics that would be difficult to impossible to duplicate at any cost. Cannon has the unencroached airspace necessary for training at supersonic speed, a low-cost environment with many millions in recent upgrades, and the highest level of community support of any military base in the nation.

One of the effects that I'm sure was not considered will be the impact to the area's veterans. Cannon houses the only Veteran's Administration hospital in the area. If Cannon is closed, New Mexicans and Western Texans will have to travel hundreds of miles for health care services. Is this any way to treat those who have served and protected our nation?

The impact of this decision will be devastating to all of Eastern New Mexico and Western Texas. The entire area is united in support for this base, and its retention.

If you analyze the cost of replacing all unique characteristics of Cannon Air Force Base, I'm sure that you will see a huge expense instead of a short-term cost savings. I urge you to overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Respectfully,

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June 15, 2005

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Justin Liles
505 S Ave G
Portales, NM 88130-6345



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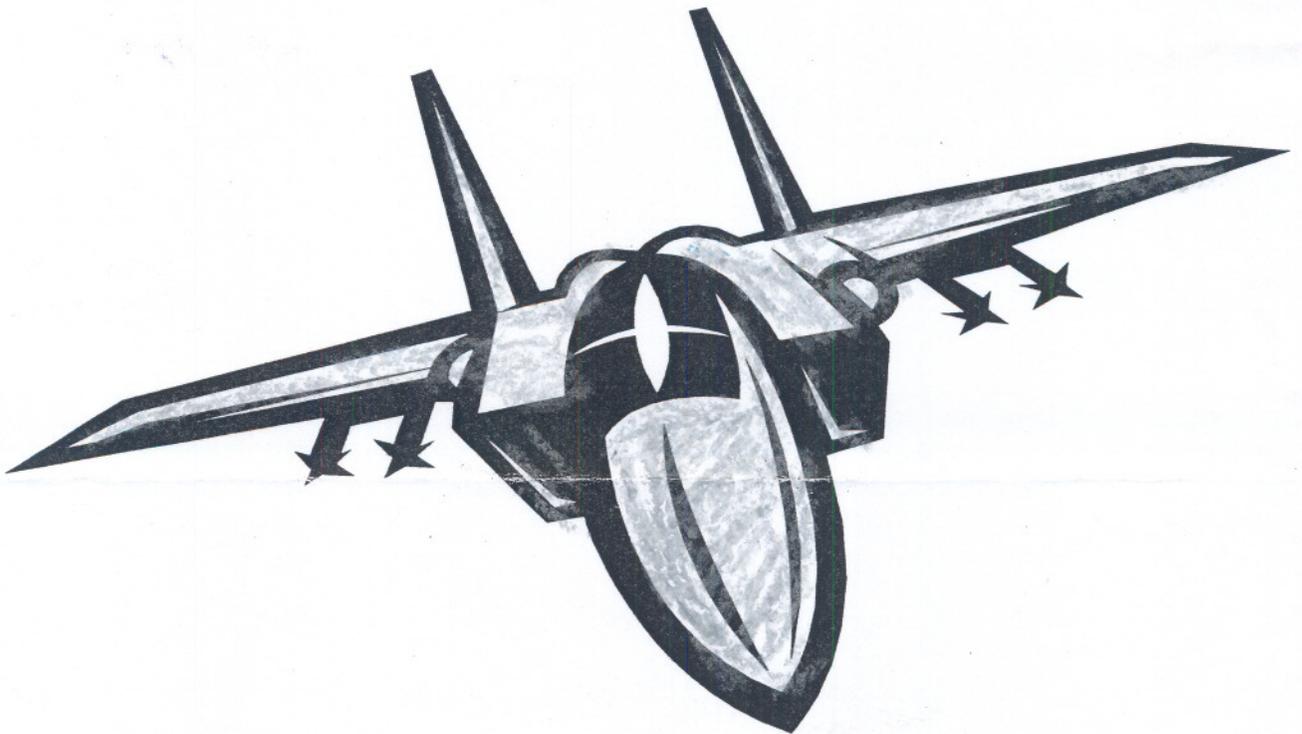
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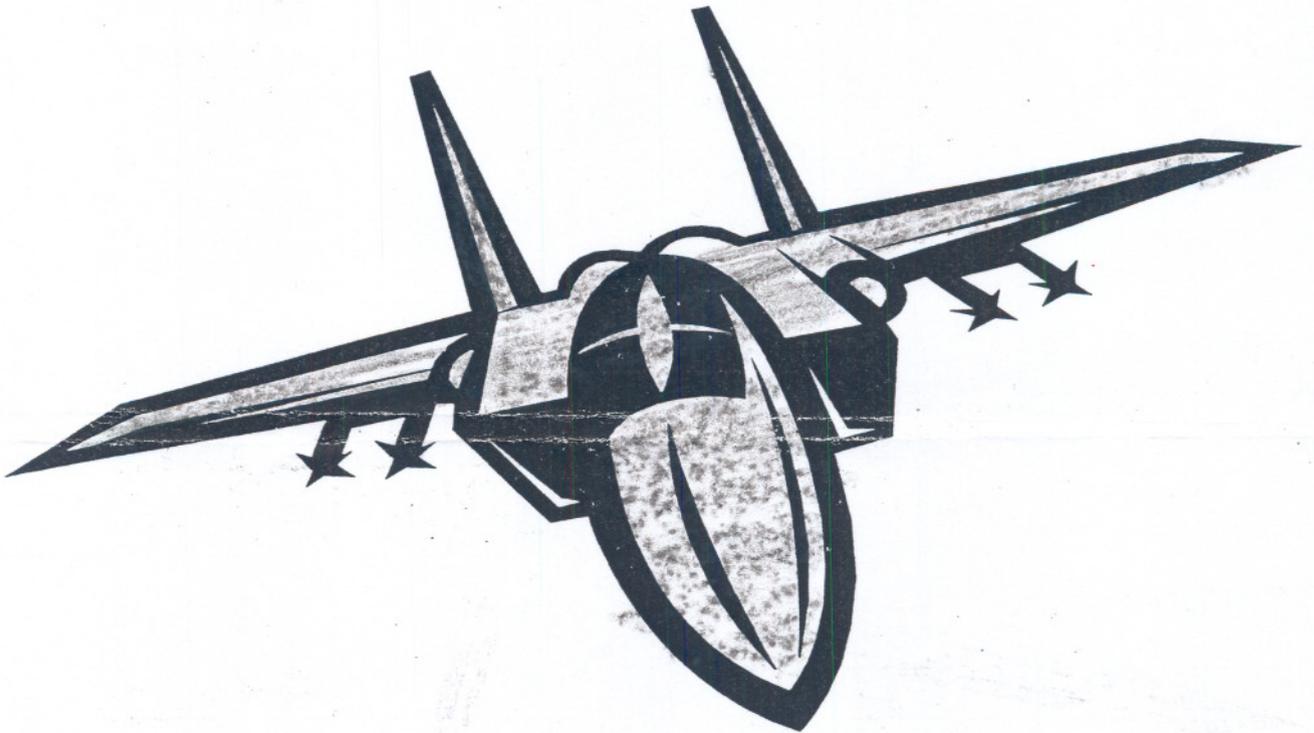


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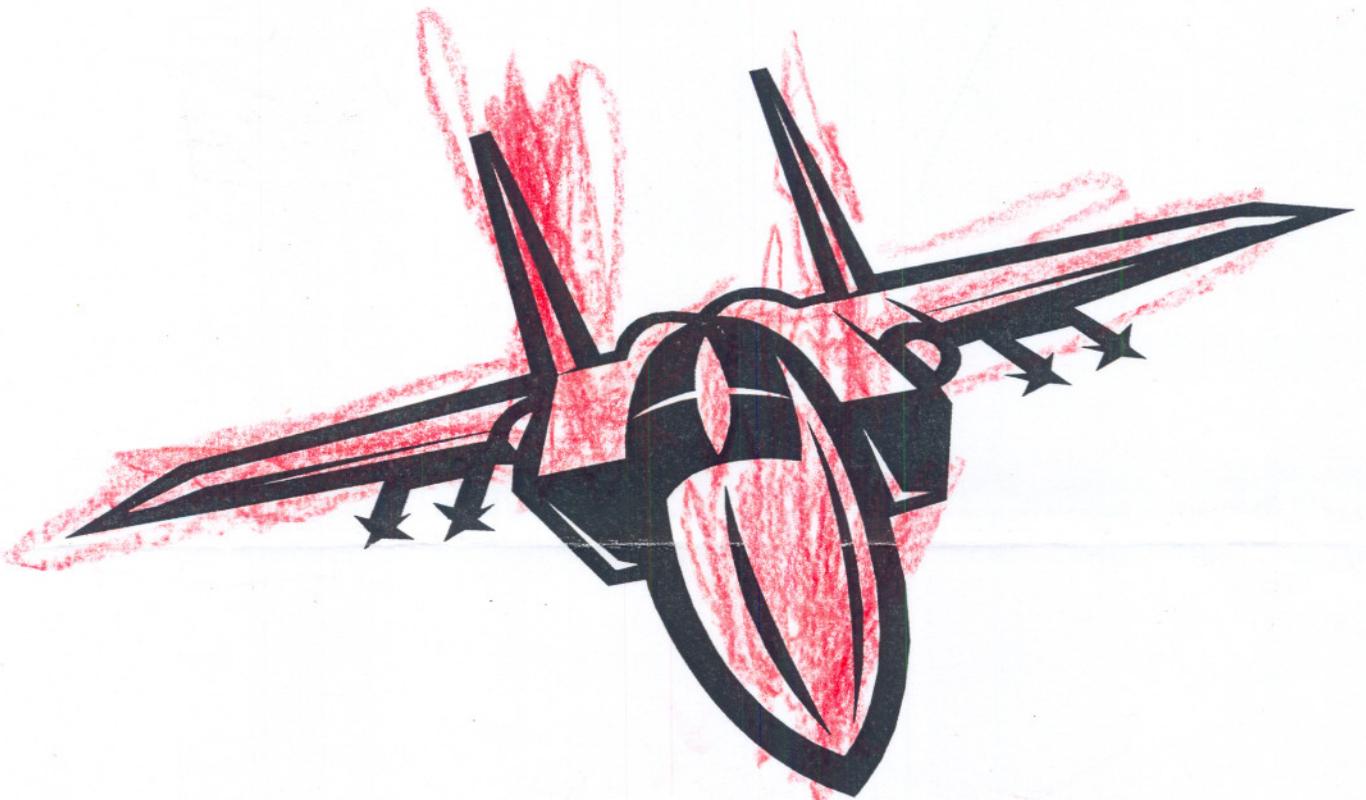
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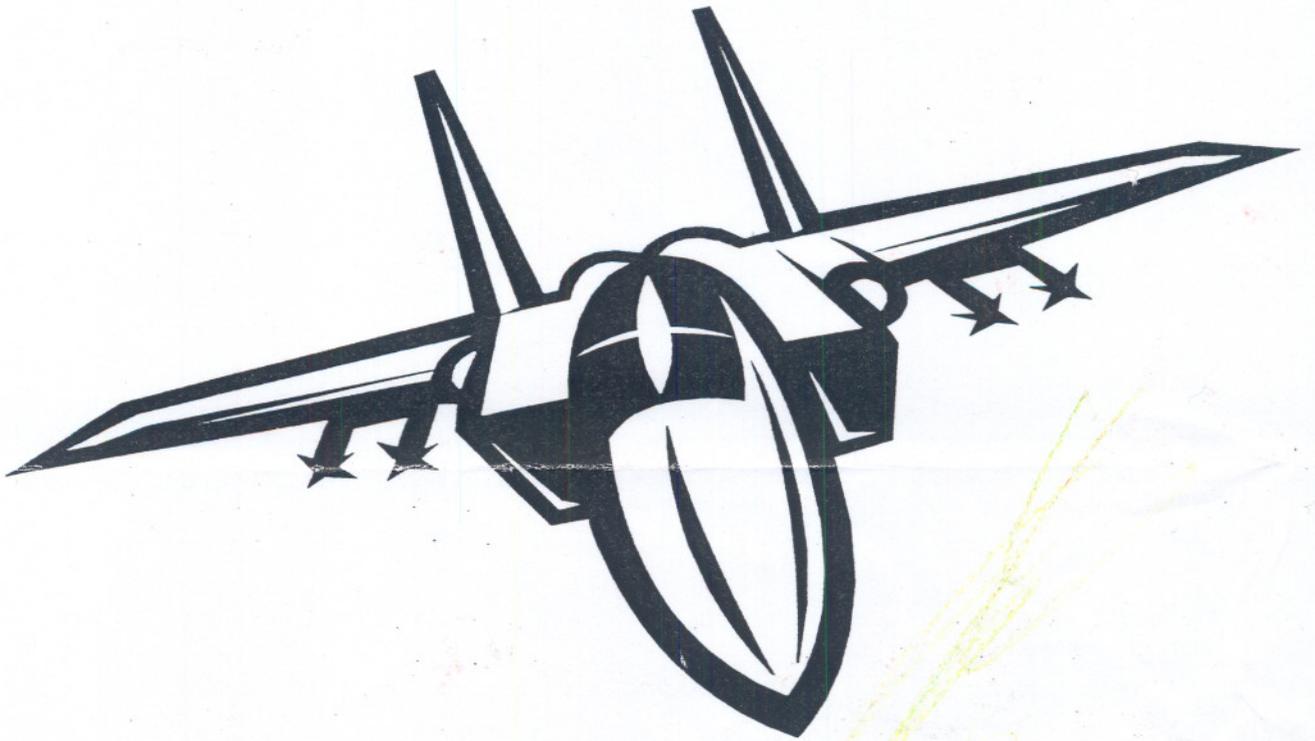
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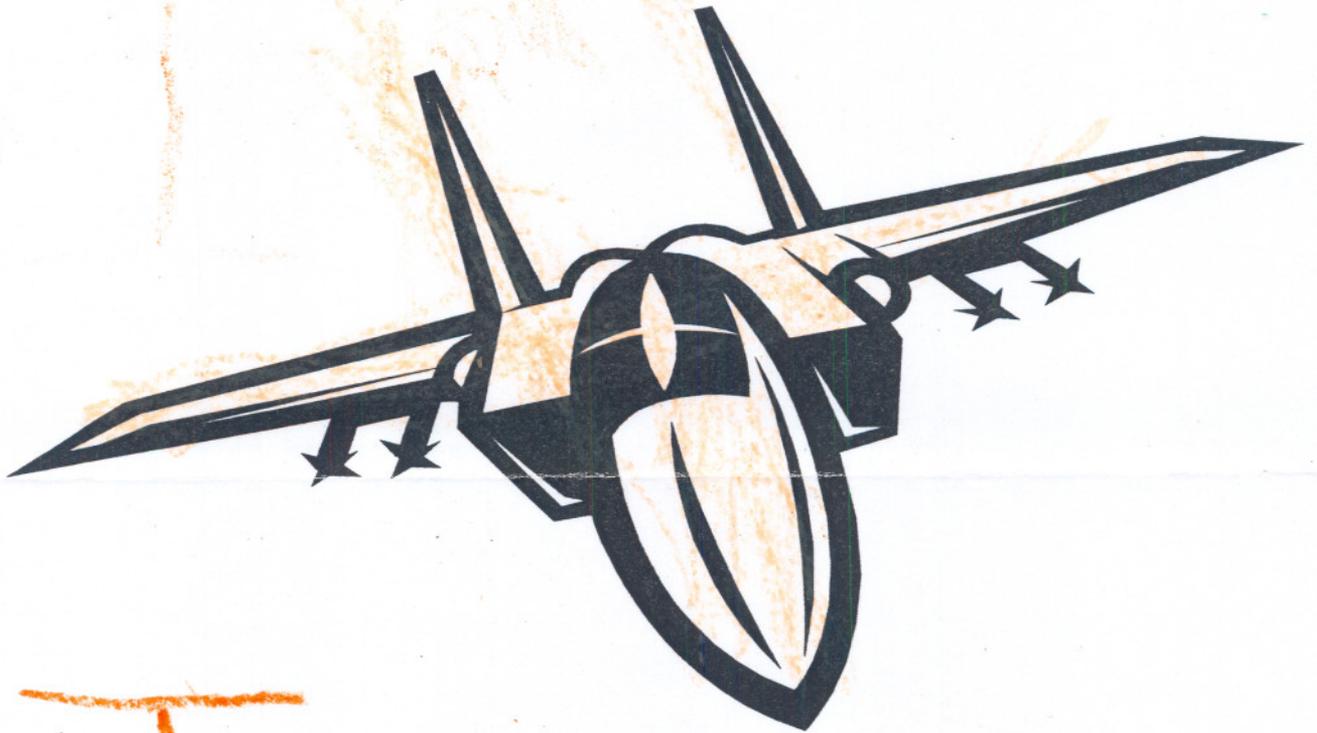
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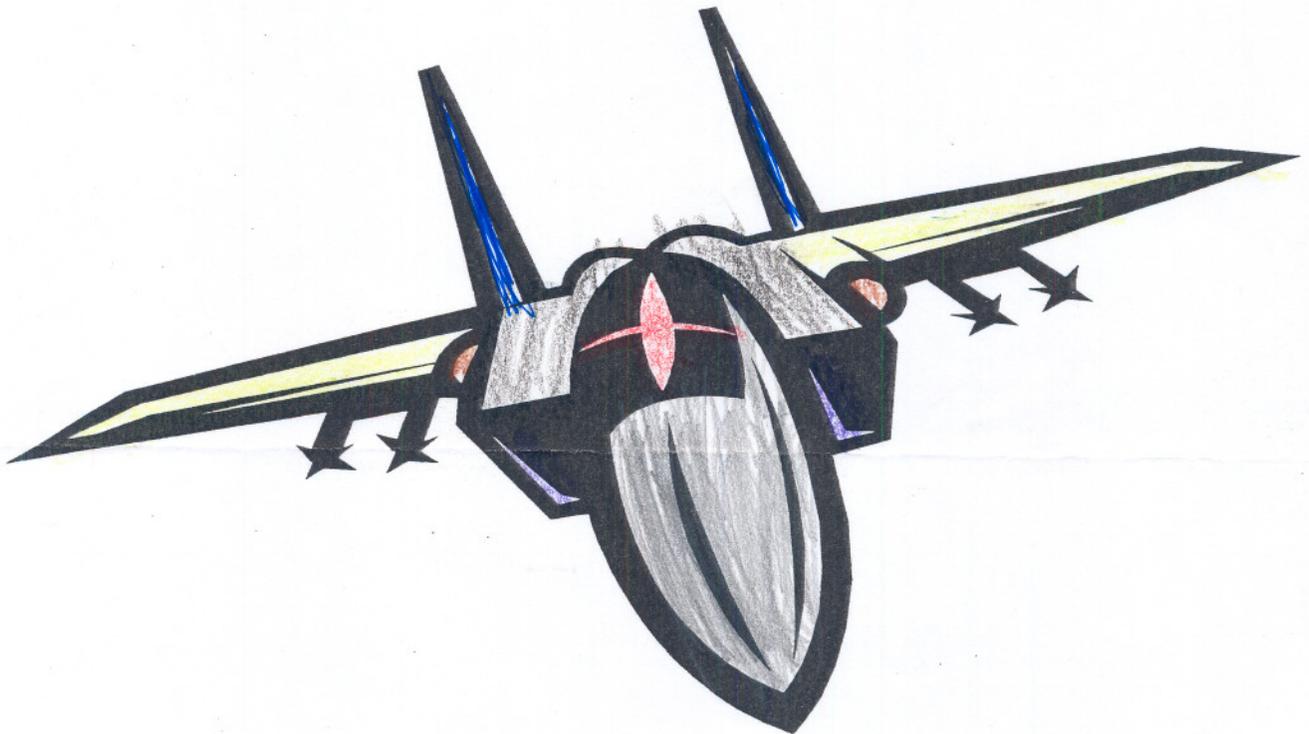
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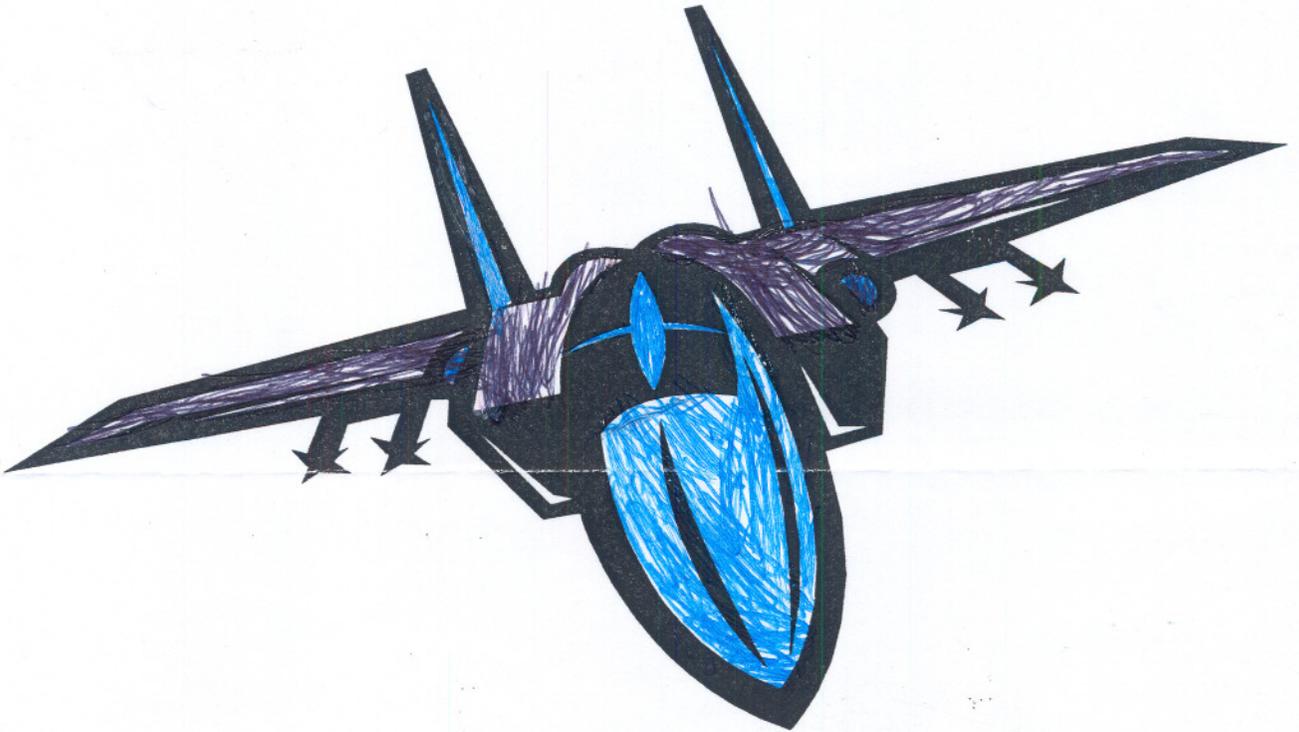
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NAME Sarlene AGE: 8



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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: May 24, 2005

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

Dear BRAC Commissioners,
please do not close Cannon AFB
it means alot to the people who are
working there now, and to the
community. If you close Cannon
AFB all of the people who help the
community will have to move
to a different base.

So

Please

Keep

Cannon

AFB

Signed Elizabeth Smith

PS: On a personal note,

Dear Cannon AFB,
this affects me because my
soccer coach is stationed there
and he would have to move.

Keep Cannon
AFB

From: E. P. Atkins

271 C LAURELWOOD DRIVE
CLOVIS 88601 NM.

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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: 24/MARCH/05

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

I feel this is a really bad decision which has not taken into account some fundamental criteria:-

* Free air space not impinging on developed / domestic areas of population. This is a massive plus.

* The location and logistic coverage will not be easy to cover from other base locations.

* The closure will effectively deplete the City of Clovis by around 12% of it's population which will be a massive blow to the community.

* Why ignore a multi-billion new runways recently constructed on the base this makes no sense from a CAPAX viewpoint.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. P. Atkins".

E. P. ATKINS

PS: On a personal note,

I have joined the Clovis Community from the UK working at Southwest Choice. Our investment in the area is significant. Our recruitment drive runs the risk of being significantly affected by this dubious closure proposal. I want Clovis to remain prosperous, please ensure my Business and personal re-deployment remains intact by reversing this closure proposal.

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SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

I am a veteran of the United States Airforce, Cannon AFB is where I was my first duty station. It is also where I chose to stay. In the six years I spent here at Cannon AFB I have seen dramatic improvements, that were mostly brought about because of the base in this location. This town is growing rapidly and depends on the Airforce Community for a great deal of it's business. It is my belief that if the base is closed the town and good people of Clovis will suffer as an effect of it.

Signed _____



PS: On a personal note,

TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: May 23, 2005

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

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Honorable members of the BRAC Commission, I am a citizen of Clovis, New Mexico, home of Cannon Air Force Base and I, along with every citizen of this town, have been stunned with the news that our base may close. Please understand that we don't fault you for your decision; we just want to help you to understand that this was a hasty decision with very little consideration given to the actual value of this base, not only to our community, but to the entire United States, and indeed to the world.

For our community, closing Cannon would create such a devastating hardship and loss of economy that everything we have struggled to accomplish in bringing businesses and jobs into our area would be for nothing. We are just now beginning to see many national chains and other businesses who are looking into investing in our area, and many who already have.

For me personally, I grew up with Cannon Air Force Base, as have my children and now grandchildren. Over the years I've made many lasting friendships with our military families. Just yesterday we hosted a graduation barbeque for my granddaughter and there were some very nice young military people there who are friends of my granddaughter.

I have always had a sense of pride to be able to say that I am from Clovis, New Mexico, HOME of Cannon Air Force Base, and indeed we are Cannon's HOME. These military people, single or with families, are our families. We want to keep them. We want our community to thrive and our young people be able to stay in this area and not have to leave home to secure employment.

Please consider our plea and know that whatever your decision, we in this part of the southwest are dedicated citizens of the United States and will continue to be, and supportive of your right to make the decision you made.

Signed *Shirley Kaiser*
Shirley Kaiser

PS: On a personal note,

I am a senior citizen, still working full time and glad that I am able to do so. I certainly don't want to see my job terminated because the economy has taken a turn for the worse. Please help us to keep our Base.

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TO: BRAC Commissioners
DATE: 5/24/05
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For the first time in my life I have questioned our gov's national defense policies. We are spending billions of dollars to fight wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and fund bases in S. Korea & Germany none of which is important to me. Essentially if an your customer, and by closing Cannon and diverting funds to these other endeavours is not meeting your customer demands.

Signed 

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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: 5/22/05

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

I am a life-long resident of Clovis and Curry County. My family farm borders the base and always has. I cannot imagine not having the partnership with Cannon Air Force Base.

My wife and I are about to be nurses in the community and I am retiring from law enforcement. We want to remain in Clovis and continue our relationship with our friends in The U.S.A.F.

Air Force personnel have been a part of the Clovis family for over 60 years. We support them and want them in our community always.

The military personnel and their families will always be welcome, appreciated, and never protested in our patriotic community.

Signed


Mike Reeves

PS: On a personal note,

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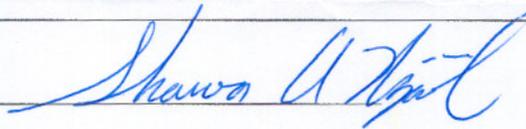
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TO: BRAC Commissioners
DATE: 5-24-05
SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

I AM WRITING TO ASK YOU TO STRONGLY RECONSIDER THE DECISION TO CLOSE CANNON AFB. I'VE BEEN A RESIDENT OF THE COMMUNITY FOR ONLY 3 MONTHS, BUT IN THIS SHORT TIME I HAVE NOTICED THE STRONG BOND THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE BASE AND THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY. CLOUDS IS A FAMILY ORIENTED COMMUNITY AND CANNON AFB IS CONSIDERED PART OF THE FAMILY. THE PRESENCE OF THE AFB HAS LED TO EXPANSION IN ALL ASPECTS OF THE COMMUNITY, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, RETAIL, AND ENTERTAINMENT TO NAME A FEW. THIS DEVELOPMENT BENEFITS ALL THE RESIDENTS OF CLOUDS, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN. ASIDE FROM THAT, THE MILITARY ADVANTAGES OF KEEPING THIS BASE SEEM STAGGERING, SUCH AS THE ABUNDANCE OF AIR SPACE, WEATHER CONDITIONS, NEW RUNWAYS, TRAINING MISSION SUPPORT JUST TO NAME A FEW. PLEASE REVERSE THIS DECISION. REMOVE CANNON AFB FROM THE CLOSURE LIST.

THANK YOU,

Signed



PS: On a personal note,

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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: May 22, 2005

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

I think the government should take Cannon off the closure list, because I have many military friends. Then if it closes we will have to move to find jobs for my family. If you close the base ~~the~~ this town will go under lose all or at least most of it's companies. You reaching this will most likely be out of a job. So think before you act

Signed Tyler M. [Signature]

PS: On a personal note,

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TO: BRAC Commissioners
DATE: May 24, 2005
SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

I am new to the Clovis area and haven't seen a community that supports their base like Clovis does. Everywhere I go, people tell me why this base is so needed by the community and also by the Airforce. They explain that they have an abundance of airspace and how the town and base both have enough to grow without having an impact on one another. The weather here allows for more training missions with safer conditions. There are new runways on the base and "Super Sonic" airspace is on the way. The people here are so proud of their award winning troops. Many of the wonderful people I have met in this area are current as well as retired service people living here because of the base. They proudly serve their country and local community. I haven't seen this type of relationship before. In San Diego, people want the base out, too many ships, too much noise, etc. I don't see any of that attitude here. The base is in a loving community that helps care for the people and are so proud of "their boys" that served in Iraq.

Signed Brook Sherman

PS: On a personal note,

Please make sure that all of the facts were considered and seen before closing a base that brings so much to our community and has such pride in a job well done.

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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: May 25th

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

My name is Karen Darwin and I am the Chief Operations Officer for Southwest Cheese Co in Clovis, NM.

I have been very impressed with local support for this base and believe that a HUGE mistake has been made in putting it on the closure list.

WHY??

- 1) This base enjoys ample free flight space that is not encroached by commercial lanes.
- 2) Millions has been invested in Cannon, and it can handle expansion!
- 3) A close bombing range in Melrose maximizes training efficiency.
- 4) We have the infrastructure in the city to support a base expansion. (i.e. hospitals, schools, etc).

PLEASE RECONSIDER!!!

Signed Karen Darwin
Clovis Resident

PS: On a personal note,

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TO: BRAC Commissioners

DATE: 5-23-05

SUBJECT: Reconsider and take Cannon AFB off the closure list

Key military facts: abundance in air space with no encroachments Great Year-round weather for flying conditions. Melrose bombing range is seconds away. New runways on the base. Ample space and ramp space for surge force requirements. Safer more realistic training scenarios for all types of planes and missions.

We (the community) have a relationship like none other with the base and vice-versa

We also have a large military population (retired) within a 150 mile radius.

Key community facts:

Expansion to Clouis Community College and Eastern NM University - classes offered on base

New VA clinic opened this year.

New Civic Center under construction which provides entertainment for all base personnel
Many new businesses, which provides additional employment for all servicemen family members
Military discounts offered by many local businesses. Clouis respects the base and personnel and is accorded all the amenities that go along with these thoughts and deeds.
Please take us off the closure list.

Signed

Meredith Morris
325 W. Granada
Clouis, NM 88101

PS: On a personal note,

My late husband moved us here in 1979 mainly because of Cannon AFB and its facilities. He spent 25 yrs in the Navy and wanted us near his home and the base. They all groceries use the pharmacy and laboratories extensively. Cannon closing down would be costly to us to replace. Please reconsider your decision and the hardship it would cause many retired seniors that have settled in Clouis, NM Thank you

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DATE: May 23, 2005

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Brac Commission,

I live in Melrose, NM and am very opposed to CAFB closing. Our friends and neighbors lost their land when the government decided to extend the bombing range. This land is a very important part of strategic training. The weather is ideal for flying conditions and miles and miles of wide-open space! The extension of the supersonic flying range, when implemented, will be invaluable to the defense of our country.

Cannon is also very important to the residents of Melrose. We have several military retirees in Melrose who depend on the facilities. We also have several military families living in Melrose, which helps our schools and the economy.

I based my letter mainly on the impact on the Melrose community but please consider the key military facts associated with Clovis and the rest of the surrounding areas.

Signed

Patsy Welsh
P.O. Box 1252
Melrose, NM 88124

PS: On a personal note,

Not that it matters, but my daughters would not have met two wonderful young men who became their husbands, had Cannon not existed! It brings many great young people to our area.