

EXHIBIT 6
OTHER AURAL SERVICES WITHIN KQLV(FM)
PROPOSED LOSS AREA AT BOSQUE FARMS

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| STATIONS Number Serving the Loss Area: | LAND | | POPULATION | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Square Kilometers (approximate) | % of Total Loss Area | 1990 Census Population | % of Total Loss Population |
| 0 | 508.8 | 3.2% | 86 | 0.24% |
| 1 | 3180.2 | 20.1% | 1,852 | 5.19% |
| 2 | 2668.9 | 16.8% | 1,396 | 3.92% |
| 3 | 142.9 | 0.9% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 4 | 2306.3 | 14.6% | 4,209 | 11.81% |
| 5 or more | 7031.9 | 44.4% | 28,107 | 78.84% |
| Totals | 15839.0 | 100.0% | 35,650 | 100.0% |

EXHIBIT 7
SCHEDULE OF ALTERNATE CHANNELS
PROPOSED LOSS AREA AT BOSQUE FARMS
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| AREA SERVED BY: | Population | Population Centroid | Available Channels |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|--|
| White Area: No other service | 86 | 34-26-45 108-04-37 | 225A, 226A, 235A, 246C2, 251C2, 252C2, 255A, 257A, 263A, 265A, 270A, 272A, 274A, 276A, 282C3, 295A, 297C2, 298C1, 299A |
| Grey Area: 1 Other Service: | 1852 | 34-55-27 108-29-37 | 237C3, 246C2, 248C3, 250C3, 251C1, 252C2, 254C3, 266C3, 272C2, 297C2, 298C1, 299C2 |
| Area Served by 2 Other Stations | 1365 of 1396 | 34-20-59 107-27-46 | 245C3, 246C3, 252C3, 265C3, 270C2, 298C2 |

EXHIBIT B

Welcome To Bosque Farms

**RURAL ATMOSPHERE + RELAXED LIVING +
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"BOSQUE FARMS"

Situated in Valencia County on the east bank of the Rio Grande River, Bosque Farms enjoys a unique location with a rural residential atmosphere, yet with convenient access to the largest urban community, "Albuquerque, New Mexico. Just a short twenty-minute drive from Bosque Farms to Albuquerque puts you in one of the "hottest" cities in America, according to a Newsweek magazine survey. A twenty minute drive back returns you to a community where traditional values are today's values, where the individual is important, where you can drive down a modern main street and see horseback riders along the river.

Despite this proximity, Bosque Farms will never be swept up in urban sprawl. A unique geographic barrier, the Isleta Indian Reservation permanently divides Bosque Farms from Albuquerque, The reservation, a major contributor to our history and heritage, allows the Village to enjoy its relationship with the city, yet remain independent.

The population of the Village is now estimated around 5,000. Growth and development in Bosque Farms has progressed since the incorporation in 1974 and has brought about significant changes to the community. Bosque Farms has the choice rural living of New Mexico for horse lovers and community functions involving horseback riding, a rodeo arena, 4-H clubs and horse shows. Recreational assets abound nearby as well, ranging from hunting, fishing, hiking, golfing, camping and skiing (both water skiing and snow skiing), horse racing, and historical tours.

Photos

Photos of Bosque Farms

**Statistical
Info**

Statistical Information about Bosque Farms

BOSQUE FARMS

STATISTICAL INFORMATION

General:

Bosque Farms is a progressive satellite community of Albuquerque. It is located just 20 minutes south of Albuquerque in the Rio Grande Research Corridor.

Environment:

Located in the Rio Grande River Valley, with mountains to the East, and mesa to the West.

Elevation: 4850

Precipitation (inches) 8.1

January temperature High 50F, Low 17F (average)

July temperature High 92F, Low 60F (average)

Population:

Current Approximate: 5,000, County wide: 55,000.

Government:

The Bosque Farms Village operates with a Mayor and Council.

Law Enforcement : 14 Officers

Fire Protection: Volunteer

Planning Commission: Yes

Zoning Regulations: Yes

Taxes:

Mill rate (Residential.) 23.646

Mill rate (Non Residential) 28.483

Gross receipts tax: 6.25%

Industrial Park

Los Morros Industrial Community:

500 acres located on the Western edge of Los Lunas, with direct access to Interstate 25.

Communications:

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Radio Stations:

Local: 1, Albuquerque: 16 (received in Bosque Farms)

Newspapers: Valencia County News Bulletin, Albuquerque Journal, Albuquerque Tribune

Community Facilities:

Churches: 4

Library: Bosque Farms Village Library

Sports Programs: Young American Football League (YAFL), American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), &



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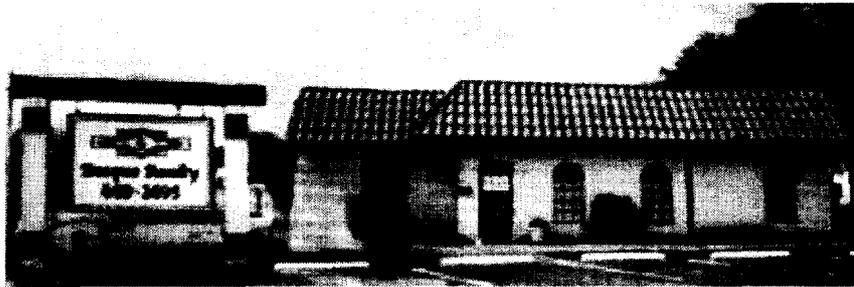
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Bosque Farms is nestled along the east bank of the Rio Grande River. Bosque Farms enjoys a unique location and offers a "rural" residential atmosphere. With just 12 miles to Albuquerque, Bosque Farms is the fastest growing "bedroom" community to the "Big City"



Bosque Farms is ideal for horse lovers and community activities which include tennis courts, rodeo arena, fairgrounds, a senior citizens center, library and softball fields. Homesites are mostly 1/2 acre and up . . . and horses are as common as dogs in most backyards.

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History of the School

Bosque Farms Elementary is located in the northeastern part of the Los Lunas School District. The school site lies a few miles south of the Isleta Reservation. It is located in the heart of the Village of Bosque Farms. Bosque Farms Elementary is rich in its history and parent involvement. The school is home for 376 students that range from pre-kindergarten to fourth grade.

The school, originally built of adobe in 1936, has a library which highlights the original adobe and viga construction. The school has been remodeled to include ten additional classrooms. With the exception of the additional classrooms there is no room to expand the available classroom space at this site. The school is land locked and is limited in the enrollment that can be served.

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| <input type="radio"/> | <u>Valencia</u> | Bosque Farms Police Dept | Municipal Police | H/P | 10 | 3,791 | <u>Bosque Farms</u> |
| <input type="radio"/> | <u>Valencia</u> | Co Sheriff S Dept | Sheriff's Office | H/P | 48 | 45,235 | <u>Los Lunas</u> |
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Valencia County



VALENCIA COUNTY'S PRESERVE

A brief history

BY TERESA WESSELL
VALENCIA COUNTY NEWS-BULLETIN

The Middle Rio Grande Valley, at the heart of Valencia County, was once inhabited by the Pueblo and the Tewa, as well as other native groups. They lived simply yet beautifully, farming corn, chile, beans and hay.

In 1598, the first Spanish settlers colonized parts of the Rio Grande Valley where they were met warmly by the Indians, who assisted them with farming and daily living.

In 1850, New Mexico became a territory and by 1852, the county of Valencia was established as one of seven counties. The Land of Enchantment became the 47th state in 1912.

Valencia County has undergone three border changes, with one final split in 1981, when Cibola County was created. This division resulted in the boundaries Valencia County has today, making it territorially one of the smallest counties in the state. But population-wise, it's the third fastest growing county in the state.

Valencia County made up of three municipalities — Belen, Bosque Farms and Los Lunas — and many smaller communities like Jarales, Los Chavez, Pueblitos, Meadow Lake, Tomé, Adelino, Rio Communities, San Clemente and Peralta.

Many residents of these mixed-cultural communities can trace their family lines back to the original settlers of the Rio Grande Valley.

The City of Belen is one such community of descendants of the families who have remained since its founding in 1741. Belen, meaning Bethlehem, was originally settled by two Spaniards named Diego Torres and Antonio Salazar.

Belen continued to be developed into the 1800s when a post office was established by John Becker Sr. In 1880, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway tracks were built through Valencia

In 1598, the first Spanish settlers colonized parts of the Rio Grande Valley where they were met warmly by the Indians.

County to Albuquerque.

By 1900, Belen's population had risen to 673 as immigrants of German descent came to work for the railroads. Belen's railroad center had become a vital shipping route for the booming Rio Grande settlements. Throughout the 1900s, the village of Belen continued to make improvements, becoming a town, adding water and sewer service, and paving roads.

The Village of Los Lunas, now the county's largest municipality, also has an important place in the county.

Los Lunas was part of a land grant in 1716 that was claimed by Antonio Jose Luna. Luna was a shepherd and eventually became an influential political leader of the village.

Bosque Farms was established in 1934 when the U.S. government offered land to farm families who had been wiped out in the Dust Bowl in northern New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. It was incorporated in 1974.

Valencia County is home to about 70,000 people in 1999, with a unique cultural mix of natives, ancestors of early colonization and the many newcomers who are discovering Valencia County for the first time.

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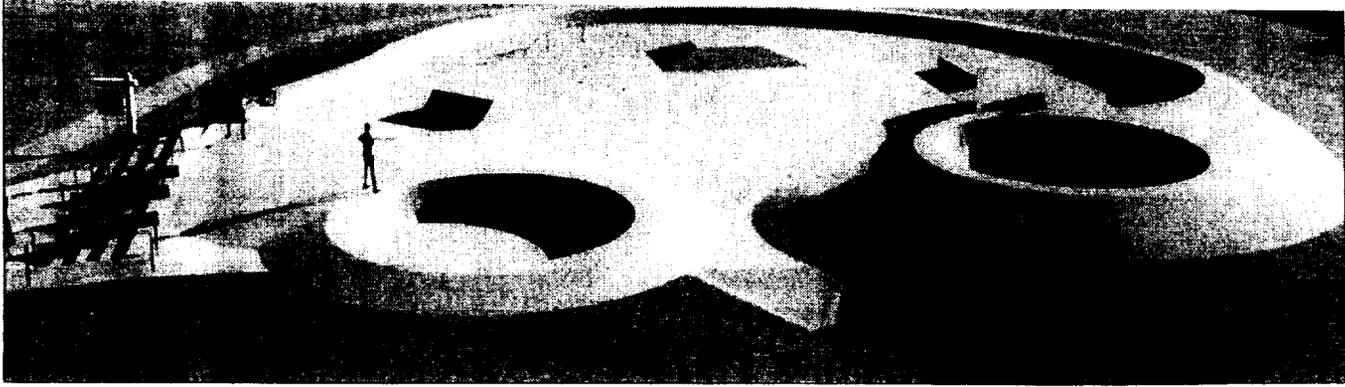
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Los Lunas is planning this state-of-the-art skatepark, designed by the kids who'll use it and Molzen-Corbin which furnished this drawing.

RECREATION *from Page 14*

The annual Marvin Johnson Basketball Camp is always great fun. Marvin Johnson is a former University of New Mexico Lobo basketball player with a vast following in the state.

Jaramillo is also planning for a tennis camp to offer the children in the area.

Last year, more than 1,100 area children participated in the summer recreation program provided by the center. The six-week program is free to all children and a free lunch is provided.

The only costs involved are

related to the field trips the center provides. According to the recreation director, the children not only do arts and crafts and swimming, but get to go bowling, to the Beach Water Park, Uncle Cliff's Amusement Park, Hinkle Family Fun Center, and many other fun and educational venues.

For further information on any youth programs or upcoming special events, contact the Parks and Recreation Director, Michael Jaramillo, at 865-2128.

The Village of Bosque Farms, the northernmost municipality in

Valencia County Population of Children

1990: 45,225 total population and 14,523 children under age of 18, according to the official Census Count.

1996: 60,214 total population and 19,027 children, according to the estimated figures by the New Mexico Health Department.

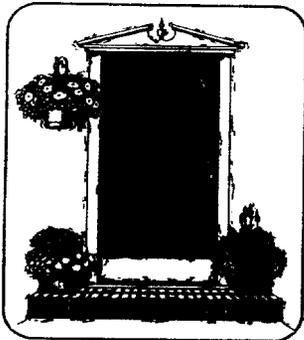
2000: 66,699 total population and 19,200 children, according to projected numbers by the New Mexico Health Department.

the county, is building a new recreational center on North Bosque Loop. The center is expected to open in May with a basketball court, playground area, Little League field, sand volleyball

court, soccer field, and a walking path along the perimeter of the center.

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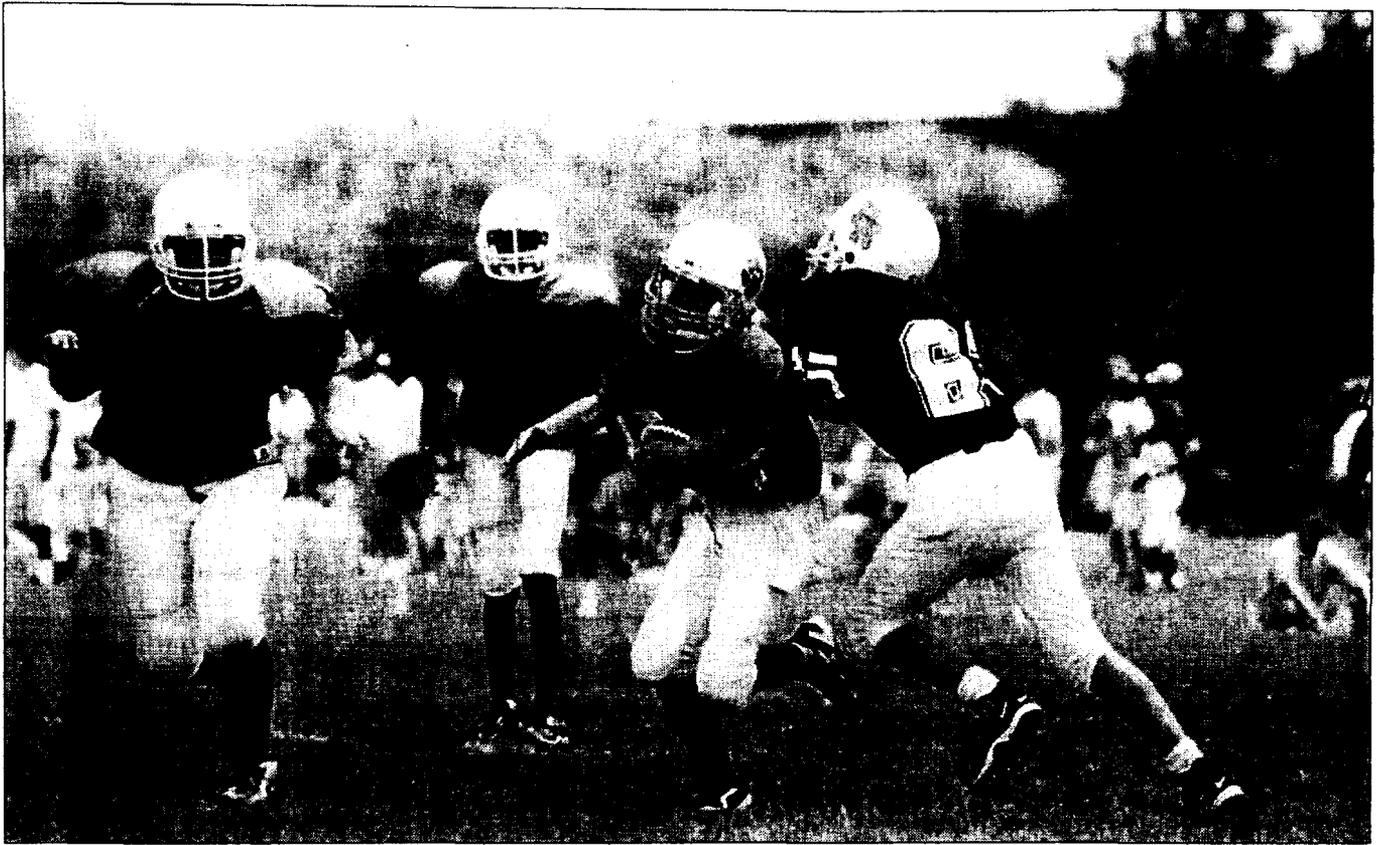
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Members of a Los Lunas Young American Football League (YAFL) play in the New Mexico sunshine.

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Center offers children a place to go and learn a little something. Kids ranging from 7 to 18 years old are welcome to participate in the eight-week summer program. Classes offered to the kids include arts and crafts, crochet, line dancing, cooking, sewing, quilting and tennis. Each class is held once a week and there is no charge except for cost of materials.

According to Director Gloria Stanley, the center also hosts an annual Easter egg hunt and a Halloween party which includes a haunted house for the children. For more information, call 869-5133.

Swimming pools

Both Belen and Los Lunas have public swimming pools and offer lessons and competitive teams.

Organizations

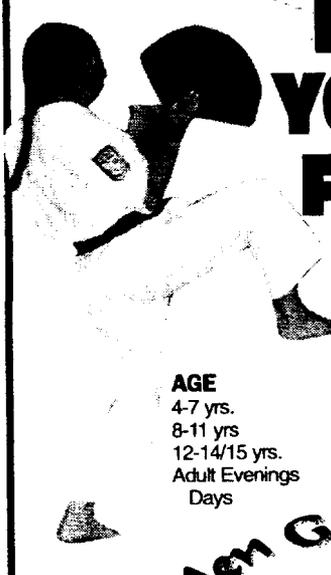
There are active Boy and Girl Scout troops in the area, church

youth activities, and a number of clubs aimed at children through the schools. 4-H has a large membership in this agricultural area and children participate in the county and state fairs with their animals and projects.

All three local municipalities in the county are working on large-scale projects to increase recreational activities for children and their families. In Belen, there's a new multi-purpose facility just north of the high school. In Los Lunas, a park with many sports fields is being built at the Valencia Y. And in Bosque Farms, that new recreation center mentioned earlier is on its way.

In both Belen and Los Lunas, new skateboard parks are being established.

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Valencia County is one of the fastest growing counties in New Mexico, and its two districts are doing all they can to keep up.

District superintendents of Los Lunas and Belen say Los Lunas has felt the greatest impact from the influx of newcomers to the county.

"It's just unreal how many people are coming in, and we're going to continue to have growth," said Paul Luna, assistant superintendent of Los Lunas schools. "I can't see where we'll ever catch up."

The Los Lunas school district has recently added a new school, Desert View Intermediate, to help ease the burden on other intermediate schools which teach fourth and fifth grade.

Schools in the Los Lunas district break the student population into four groups: elementary (kindergarten through fourth-grade), intermediate (grades five and six), middle (grades seven and eight), and high school (grades nine through 12). There are 13 schools in the Los Lunas district and eight in Belen.

Luna says administrators of the Los Lunas district like to keep the student population at 500 or less, but there is currently one elementary school that has surpassed that figure at about 700, he said.

Los Lunas High School is overcrowded with a total of 2100 students, Luna said. But a solution to the problem is in the works, he added. The district hopes to create "satellite classes" for English and social studies on the high school campus to relieve the overcrowding. There is also talk about adding a second high school.

But despite the growth, Luna said, the county has managed to maintain "the small community atmosphere that people still want to see in schools."

Belen school administrators say overcrowding is not yet a problem for that district. But Belen High School has reached its maximum capacity at 1300 students. Experts say they expect the growth will hold steady for high school-aged children for the next three years.

Meanwhile, the district continues to set goals for improvements and also hires professionals from outside the district to assess the schools' performance.

Valencia County also has a number of private schools, which alleviates some of the stress on the public education system.

St. Mary's School in Belen has served the community for 72 years and is the only Catholic school in the county. St. Mary's has a student population of 208 and offers classes for kindergarten through eighth-grade.

The school's principal, Terry Toman, said the mission of St. Mary's is "to provide the education that promotes children's spiritual growth, quality education and socialization skills."

Bosque Farms is home to the Christian Academy of Assemblies of God which has been teaching kindergarten through 12th-grade since 1979. There are currently 80 students attending, many of whom have been at the school for six years or more.

La Mesa Christian School has just opened a new facility in Rio Communities. It serves 287 students and has a rigorous interview process and conducts background checks before admitting students, said Charlotte Tenorio, the school's director.



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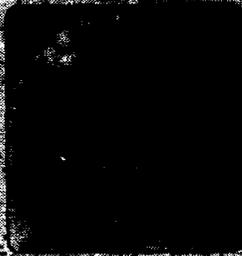


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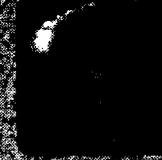
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