

### Sympathy

Our sympathies and prayers are extended to:  
...Shirley Akers and family on the death of her mother, Arta Cady, on December 31. Services were held January 4 in Alamogordo  
...Jeff Winkel and family on the death of his mother, Eileen, on December 31. Services were held January 6 in the Methodist Church of Spirit Lake, IA.

### Thank You

We would like to thank all of our friends and neighbors for the love and kindness shown during the illness of our mother and grandmother, Arta Cady. Thank you, also, for the prayers, beautiful flowers, cards, food, telephone calls, etc. We thank you so much.

Shirley & Noel, Rita, Gary & Debbie, and the Cady Family.

Louise and I would like to thank everyone for their words of comfort, thoughts and prayers on the passing of Jeff's Mother. We are truly blessed to have such considerate friends,

Jeff and Louise Winkel

Many thanks to Barb Schuessler for gathering up aluminum cans every time she goes to town. Monies collected in December and January totaled \$37. Monies collected earlier in 2006 were used to purchase Christmas decorations for Weed.

Thanks to everyone who helped take the Christmas decorations down in Weed on January 5. It was rather windy and chilly, but hopefully no one suffered too much. Before we know it, December 2007 will be here; and we hope there will be lots of people who will find a way to help put all the beautiful decorations up again.

### Weed Café Winter Hours

Sunday & Monday	Closed
Tuesday	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday & Thursday	10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday & Saturday	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We plan to begin our Saturday night music again in the near future.

Due to bad weather, death, and illness in our family and also the absence and illness of our cooks and waitresses, the café has not been open for business as usual. We apologize for this and hope we can get back on our regular schedule again. We hope you will continue to support us and help us keep the doors open. Our goal is to serve the same good food with the same friendly service.

### Bookmobile

Tuesday, February 6, Weed Post Office, 1:15 to 2:30 p.m.

### Upcoming Events

The film "From Freedom to Fascism" will be shown at the Weed Café February 17 at 6 p.m. This film was shown earlier this month in Alamogordo by People for Otero County. You will be shocked at the information concerning our monetary system. You are invited and encouraged to come view this film. There is no charge. We hope to see you there.

Russ & Elaine Wright will host the February book club on Sunday, February 25, at 5 pm in their home. Please put it on your calendars. They'll be in touch in a couple of weeks with a reminder.

### Weed Community Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 6, 6 p.m., in the home of Jimmy & Frances Goss.

### Game Night

There will be no game night in February. Future game nights to be announced.

### Surprises

Wow what a surprise!! On January 26 on Channel 7 on the 6 o'clock news, we saw Larry Crawford being interviewed by a Channel 7 reporter. He was being interviewed in the Weed Store parking lot about a hypothermic man who was found in the area in very bad shape. He was rescued and taken to the hospital and is recovering. What would our wonderful community do without our great people, our Fire Department people, our EMT's and our County maintainer driver. We all need to thank all of our great people in our awesome homeland.

One recent Sunday, the Wards decided to have breakfast at the Lodge in Cloudcroft. Much to their surprise, friends and former co-workers Bill & Beverly Weston were there, too! Later that evening, they had dinner at the Mayhill Café, and joined friends Ken & Caroline Driscoll who were already there. All in all, it was a very pleasant day.

### Watercolor class with Cyndy Nesbit

Happy New Year Everyone! I would like to invite you to come join us on Wednesday afternoons. We are going to start the new year with a look at all the possibilities in making New Year's Create-o-lutions (so much easier to keep than Resolutions!). There must be something to this "watercolor business" because a loyal handful have steadily been studying for over a year now. Several new ones have jumped in during this time, and fit

right in. It's a great time for learning the creative potential in all of us and a fun afternoon.

Class starts around 3 p.m. and the cost is \$20 per class. The paper is always furnished; and, for an additional \$5, all the supplies can be furnished. If it's your first time and you'd like to just see what it is like, the \$5 supply fee will be dropped.

Keep your eyes open, the students are gearing up for the first public showing of their work!

### NM Department of Game & Fish

In a January 8, 2007 letter, the Department wrote, "The Department has been made aware of a problem concerning the start dates for rifle and muzzle loader hunting opportunity in Game Management Units (GMU) 34 and 36. The discrepancy in the start dates between the public hunts and private land ranch-only was an oversight and will be corrected in the spring of this year at either the March or April State Game Commission meeting.

The corrected start dates for private land ranch-only ranches in GMU 34 and 36 will be as follows:

Muzzle Loader: Public land & private land ranch-only start date, 10/06/2007

Any legal weapon: Public land & private land ranch-only start date, 10/13/2007

### Vote February 6 - Dulaney Barrett

The February 6 election is for the Cloudcroft School Board and the renewal of the two mill school tax. This is the same as the one we now pay but has to be renewed for the continued operation of the school system.

One of our own is running for School Board position 1 presently held by Neil Mitchell who is not running again. Robert Dulaney Barrett, of 120 Agua Chiquita Road Sacramento NM 88347, is running for the vacant seat.

Barrett brings years of educational, administrative and communication experience to the position. He wants everything which is done in the school system to answer the question of "How does this activity, project, etc., enhance the education of our children and youth.

Barrett invites conversation about the position. He believes that greater listening to patrons needs to be fundamental to the duties of the School Board. He said, "I want to work hard for the entire district to be represented and ask for your vote."

### Anniversaries, Birthdays, Comings & Goings.

#### Get Well Wishes

**Happy Anniversary** to:

...John and Karen Braziel, 2/14

...Billy and Jean Weddle, 2/17

...Paul and Kim Comino, 2/20

**Happy Birthday** to:

...Jeff Winkle 2/2

...Lisa Crawford, 2/3

...Glen Adams; Shannon Walker, 2/6

...James Otts, 2/7

...Russ Wright, 2/9

...Dave Williams, 2/13

...Patsy Ward, 2/22

...Dallas Coder, 2/27

...Sergio Murillo, 2/28

**Get Well** to:

...Paul & Mary Muncrief

**Comings & Goings:**

...Michael and Cynthia Jenkins were here about 8 days the end of December and the beginning of January. A lot of us were not feeling well and unable to visit with them. Hopefully, that won't be the case next time.

...Elaine Wright had a good visit with her Dad in Florida for a few days.

### EMS Social

On January 24, a meeting of the EMS people from James Canyon, Mayhill, Upper Cox Canyon, Cloudcroft, Piñon, Weed and Sacramento met at the Weed fire station and were treated to a wonderful meal. This meeting was held so that all of these people who work together could meet and know each other by face as well as by voice. Our thanks to Pat Scott, a member of the Weed Auxiliary, for her wonderful meal.

### Having a Party?

If you need party supplies, "Party Connection" is located in Uptown Rentals at 1007 Monroe in Alamogordo. They may have just what you need!

### Winter Safety Tips

Be sure to stock up on food items during the cold, snowy, winter weather. Make sure you have all your medications; extra firewood and/or propane; plenty of matches, candles, lanterns; food for your animals, etc. Make sure outdoor dogs and cats have a warm place to stay. If you have an emergency, call 911 first! Don't get out if you don't have to. Our area received approximately 25" of snow for the period of December/January.

Sacramento got between 12...18 inches of snow in the recent storm. Because of the snow packed roads, things have sure slowed down! Joy Garrett saw a couple of young men having a blast sledding down the Assembly Road. It made her want to go out and beg for a turn! Amber, Frisbee, and Otis, three 4-legged friends, have certainly enjoyed the snow, along with the two Schuhen girls. Joy has a doggie door for the benefit of Amber. Amber comes in, Frisbee comes in and there is a pause and Otis comes in. Otis is about 7 months old and weighs at least 85 lbs. The whole neighborhood is waiting for the day when Otis is roaming the neighborhood "wearing" the doggy door!

### Piñon News

-Margaret Merritt

The Piñon Home School group has a regular public speaking forum for the students at the Piñon Club House just before the Bookmobile arrives. Good for our kids. Everyone is welcome.

Parking lots and driveways have been mostly unused of late, but we're glad to have the highways cleared and usable. Roads are cleared to Bill Taylor's place. When priorities allow, the County Road crews will get to all of us, as they always have done.

The Highway Department folks have done a fine job of clearing NM State Highway roads. County Road Department efforts are harder to see. Much more out of the usual travel. Most of the local folks sort of hunker in and stay put.

Lots of snow pushing and re-arrangement have been evidenced of late. Newcomers are semi-prepared and surprised. Old-timers remember

months at a time when snow/ice footwear was a blessing, not a space-consuming piece of junk in the corner closet.

Snow outside and a warm house have allowed the Kniepkamps the opportunity to lay some long-awaited tile flooring in their home.

The "what's going on?" question on the phone has mostly one answer - "staying in, warm, and stoking stoves." Lots of fire watching, stoking, and some ash carrying. Not that we don't like gas heaters- they're just not as friendly as a crackling fireplace when toes are cold. Writing letters is a good, cold day occupation for Margaret. Her stack of stationary is replenished as used.

Brush eradication spraying has been slowed due to snow drifts. Bright prospects for a good Spring 2007.

A few new calves unwise enough to arrive in January 2007 are belly deep in snow, but alive. Margaret has three who hang close to the hay barn with their mamas. Should we name them Snow #1, Snow #2, and Snow #3?

The Cook Shack is in operation in expectation of hunters from British Columbia (?) Who hope to enjoy mountain lion/cougar hunting. We wish them good luck and happy hunting!

Should you be reading this, keep tuned. Will try to get the current news on the mail car.

### Area Churches

Mayhill Baptist Church - Norman Green, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship services at 11 a.m. Children and youth Bible drill and adult and youth Discipleship training, 5 p.m. Evening worship service, 6 p.m. Children and youth Bible study and adult Bible study and prayer meeting, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Men's breakfast and devotional, Thursday, 7 a.m.

Mayhill Church of Christ - Marlon McWilliams, Pastor. Sunday Bible class, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m. Evening worship, 6 p.m., and Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Piñon Baptist Church - J. B. Craft, Pastor. Bible Study, 10:30 a.m.; Worship service, 11:30 a.m.; 12:30 potluck.

Piñon Church of Christ - Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Worship Service, 11:30 a.m.; potluck 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m.

Sacramento Mountain United Methodist Church - Joy Garrett, Lay Minister. Sunday worship service at 10 a.m., Sunday School at 11 a.m.

Weed Baptist Church - Wade Maberry, Pastor. Sunday School begins at 10 a.m., with Worship Service at 11. Bible Study/Prayer, Wednesdays at 2p.m. A potluck luncheon is held on the third Sunday of the month.

Weed House of Prayer - Don Brown, Pastor. Services are held every Sunday in the home of Jimmy and Frances Goss. Prayer and singing begin at 10 a.m.; sermon begins at 11 a.m. Prayer service is held each Wednesday at 10 a.m. Wednesday Bible study class, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. A potluck luncheon is held the first Sunday of the month.

### Farmers' Almanac February Gardening Tips

**1** Fine for planting beans, tomatoes, corn, cotton, cucumbers, peppers, melons and other aboveground crops where climate allows. Plant seedbeds and flower gardens.

**2-6** Clear ground, turn sod. Kill plant pests.

**7-9** Favorable days for planting root crops. Fine for sowing grains, hay and forage crops. Plant flowers.

**10-11** Plant carrots, turnips, onions, beets, Irish potatoes and other root crops in the South. Lettuce, cabbage, collards and other leafy vegetables will do well. Start seedbeds.

**12-13** Neither plant nor sow on these barren days.

**14-15** Any root crops that can be planted now will do well.

**16-17** Barren days. Fine for clearing, plowing, fertilizing and killing plant pests.

**18-19** Plant peppers, sweet corn, tomatoes and other aboveground crops in southern Florida, California and Texas. Extra good for cucumbers, peas, cantaloupes and other vine crops. Set strawberry plants.

**20-21** Seeds planted now will grow poorly and yield little.

**22-24** Fine for planting beans, peppers, cucumbers, melons and other aboveground crops where climate is suitable.

**25-26** Any seed planted now will tend to rot.

**27-28** Fine for planting beans, tomatoes, corn, cotton, cucumbers, peppers, melons and other aboveground crops where climate allows. Plant seedbeds and flower gardens.

### February observances:

...American Heart Month

...American History Month

...Black History Month

...Cat Health Month

...Cherry Month

...Chocolate Month!

...Friendship Month

...Library Lovers Month

• Library Lovers' Month is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve.

...Responsible Pet Owner Month

February 2 - Groundhog Day

February 12 - Abraham Lincoln's birthday

February 14 - Valentine's Day

February 19 - Presidents' Day (Post Office closed)

February 21 - Ash Wednesday (first day of Lent)

February 22 - George Washington's birthday

**Daylight Savings Time** begins Sunday, March 11, at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks forward 1 hour before going to bed Saturday night.

### Avon Calling

Your local Avon representative is Cathy Jordan, 505-687-3050.

### Mary Kay Cosmetics

Your local Mary Kay representative is Summer Barone, 505-687-4177.

Would you like to receive the Hitchin' Post by e-mail? Just let me know, and I'll add your name to the list.

Patsy, Ed.

