

**Congratulations to Area High School Seniors**

- Susan & Dulaney Barrett

Eight students who either live in our part of the Cloudcroft School District (Sacramento; Weed; Pinon; Timberon areas), or did at one time, graduated from Cloudcroft High School on May 19: Jordan Backus; Lydia A. Barrett; Libbey Goss; Joshua Ham; Brittany Merrick; Tiffany Phifer; Clete Powell and Cory Wells. If anyone was missed who should be on this list, please accept our apologies and send the name to the Hitchin' Post. A large class of 51 seniors graduated this year. The baccalaureate service for the Class of 2007 was held May 18 at the Cloudcroft United Methodist church with retired pastor R. Dulaney Barrett preaching the baccalaureate sermon. His granddaughter, Lydia A. Barrett, was one of the 2007 class members. He was assisted in the service by several members of the senior class: Justin Mitchell, Diane Dalton, Cheyenne Taylor, Aaron Capps, Rae Samford, Lydia Barrett, Jessica Mitchell, Jordan Mitchell; and school faculty member, Jana Harrell. Michael Shinaberry was the pianist. The first baccalaureate service for Cloudcroft School seniors was held 82 years ago on April 19, 1925. Can any one tell us when the first baccalaureate for other high schools in this area was first held (Weed High School, for example)?

**Let's Celebrate!**

A birthday celebration is planned for Carrie Green on June 2 to celebrate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. It will be a covered-dish dinner in the old gym at 5 p.m., with a dance to follow. Everyone is welcome. Please come and celebrate with Carrie.

If you didn't pick up a copy of the May issue of the Weedpatch, you missed a wonderful article by Walt Coffman about Carrie. The article included a 1992 interview with Carrie as recorded in the Sacramento Mountains Museum archives.

<b><u>Weed Café - New Hours</u></b>	
Effective June 4	
Sunday	Closed
Monday thru Thursday	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Dinner & Music on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month! Reservations recommended. 505-687-3611.	

<b><u>Weed Calendar</u></b>
<b>June 2</b> - Carrie Green's 90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Party
<b>June 5</b> , Bookmobile, Weed Café, 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.
<b>June 8</b> , Enchilada supper 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 12 and under; dance starts at 7:30 p.m., \$5. Weed "new" School
<b>June 9</b> , Weed yard sale, 8 a.m. Look for the crowd!
<b>June 15</b> , Game Night, 6 p.m., Weed School
<b>June 24</b> , Book Club, hosted by James & MaryLou Ottis, Hay Canyon, 5:30 p.m.
<b>June 25</b> , Community meeting, 6 p.m., Weed School
<b>July 13</b> , Dance, Weed School, music by Day Break Express.

**55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Terry & Marie Rodgers plan to celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary with a Family Reunion, June 22-24, in the Weed school gym. About 25-30 children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and guests are looking forward to lots of fun and reminiscing. Congratulations!

**Anniversaries, Birthdays, Comings & Goings, Get Well Wishes, Etc.**

**Happy Anniversary to:**

- ...John & Bonnie Foster, 6/9
- ...Francis & H.B. Newel, 6/11
- ...Red & Carrie Stanbrough, 6/15
- ...James & Cindy Livers, 6/17
- ...Wendell & Cathy Jordan, 6/27

**Belated Happy Birthday to:**

- ...Evie J. Miller, Joanne Ashley, 5/31

**Happy Birthday to:**

- ...Tamara Green, 6/1
- ...Mary Ann Schueltz, 6/2
- ...Don Freeland, 6/4
- ...John H. Foster, Penny Evans, 6/9
- ...Bob Davis, 6/11
- ...Raymond Sanford, 6/13
- ...Lavada Wilde, 6/14
- ...John Rauch, 6/15
- ...Carrie Green, Ron Byerly, Chris Pate, 6/16
- ...Jerry Schierholt, 6/17
- ...June Bronson, 6/18
- ...Gary Gardner, 6/20
- ...Sonia Pfaffenberger, 6/22
- ...Donna Smith, 6/23
- ...John Stephenson, 6/25
- ...Steven Toth II, Steven Toth III, 6/27
- ...Tom Smith, 6/28
- ...Julie Mikkelsen, 6/29

**Get Well Wishes and Prayers for:**

...Obie Manning  
...Shirley Akers  
...Kelly Hibbard (broken wrist)  
...Duane Geckler  
...Pat Hammett  
...Martye Hileman  
...Edith Rohrbacher (Debbie Stone's mother)  
...Ron Byerly

**Congratulations to:**

...Casey Sparks, daughter of Jeff & Louise Winkel, who received an Associates Degree May 11.  
...Taylor Robbins, granddaughter of Patsy & Tom Ward, who graduated from Grapecreek Middle School in San Angelo, TX, May 24. Taylor excels in track and cross-country and looks forward to high school.

**Comings & Goings:**

...Good friends & neighbors Ken & Pat Hammett have moved to Alamogordo to be closer to family and medical facilities. We will miss them!  
...Welcome to Tom & Donna Smith who have made the final transition to the beautiful Sacramento Mountains.  
...Welcome to Bonnie Nunn who has come back home to "her" mountains. She was the guest of honor at the Breakfast Club get-together at the Weed Café May 15. It is so good to have her back!  
...Chuck & Joy Geer and John & Judi Leigh visited the mountains for a couple of weeks. It's always good to see them. Nice folks!  
...Bob & Sonia Pfaffenberger moved to Alamogordo to be closer to schools and Bob's work. Future plans include a move to Cloudcroft.  
...It was a pleasure to meet Marvin & Vern Myers of Ft. Worth, TX, who were visiting their place in Hay Canyon. It's such a small world - we met them in Alamogordo!  
...Duane & Sue Geckler are moving to Oklahoma to be closer to family.  
...Tom & Patsy Ward enjoyed a visit from long-time friends George & Joan Bryan from Virginia. Needless to say, the visit was much too short!  
...It was good to see Camille Osborne again. She popped in for a short visit with her cousin and friends.

**Thank You to:**

...everyone who helped us put on the rabies clinic at Weed. There was a very good turn out, and we appreciate all of you coming and taking advantage of this opportunity.

- John and Jan Rauch

**Game Night**

- H.B. Newell

The new season of Game Night was kicked off on Friday, May 19. What a grand time for all! Good food - chili dogs with all the trimmings, brownies provided by Barb Schuessler, and green chili stew. Evelyn Miller outdid herself in making the stew, so we declared she had the permanent job of making it and she agreed! Louise Winkel picked great Bingo prizes and Jeff Winkel was our "colorful" caller. Mark your calendar to get in on the fun! Friday, June 15. See you there!!

**Piñon News**

- Margaret Merritt

Greetings! We are enjoying the benefits of 2006 rains in tall grass, while the recent 2+" of slow rains in May 2007 have grown a green carpet under the tan overhead. Good stuff. So nice to see cows/creatures with their heads down grazing instead of watching for the feed wagon to appear. Yes, wildlife know the feed wagon sound, also, and do participate. Some more openly than others. Those wildlife lovers who wish to do away with all domestic livestock could learn from our daily lives. We all depend on others' ways.

Our baby, Gari Ann, is back home again. Gaining weight and tiny pink ears and fingers. Even a little cheek color now. Thanks for your prayers.

Eighteen people gathered for a baby shower at the Piñon Baptist Church this week. A lovely array of gifts was presented to the honoree who will have a little girl or a lot less pretties for a boy. Won't matter - the love is there either way!

Kelly Hibbard broke her wrist. Sometimes our efforts to feed our birds goes awry. Now, she is having lots of loving friends in her left to "help out." Not too difficult - just let her system work itself and applaud the results. Organization is her thing. Reminds me of a joke I read long ago about a super business man required to run his household for a week while his wife (and mother of his children) went to care for her mother. Back at work, the question "How did it go at home?" was answered so: "I'm glad to be back in the office. That woman could run General Motors with one hand tied behind her back." Showed appreciation.

Margaret Merritt had a birthday in April. Supposed to be a non-event, even at 85, because the family was occupied doing what they do well and far away. Beverly couldn't stand that, so she planned a lunch at the Bell house on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Eight people had lunch and didn't get done until friends began to arrive for the birthday fun. At 5:30, some 30 friends had come with love and gifts. Margaret went to Lubbock on the 22<sup>nd</sup> where the party continued until the 28<sup>th</sup> when she came home. Some NON-EVENT! Beverly and Margaret attended a Ladies Retreat in Lubbock April 27-28.

By the time you read this, the Otero Cattleman's Association will have had its meeting at the Piñon Extension Club. You might consider joining their group. Interested Otero County folks who are affordable, hard-working, and productive. Just ask Slim & Alvaree Stewart.

My elk hunting permits showed up for 2007. Curious why the numbers are so low for permitted kills when the elk are proliferating like rabbits are supposed to do? USGF - care to explain to us?

A huge crowd gathered in Piñon in April to attend services for our beloved Dulce Stevenson who was buried beside her husband, Glenn Stevenson, in the Piñon Cemetery. Many lifetime friends were not aware that Minnie Myrtle Dean Stevenson was our Dulce Stevenson. A sweet baby, she was nicknamed "Dulce" by an older sister, and the name stayed. Born at Marcia, near Cloudcroft, she spent her entire life in the mountain area of southeast New Mexico. During her last years, she was in Roswell and, like the rest of us, she always

wanted to hear about "home." She is home in body but in a much better place up there with HIM. We baked and ate a lot of meals and snacks together. She taught me to tat and hunt piñon nuts. Never could get the hang (or love) of arrowhead hunting with her. She has bushels of them from years as goatherder and tender of sheep.

The Home Schoolers had their Recitation Day before the Bookmobile got here, again. Anyone who can do so would enjoy hearing our young ones present a speech - a subject of their choosing, read if chosen or ad-libbed. Good information on Africa still. A 6-year-old decided to do a "3-page report" like the big kids. If you ever decide to enjoy early American history, try her subject, "The Plymouth Plantation." Never heard of it before, but I may just try it - 600+ pages. Difficult to skip a page; each is so vital in itself.

Adios 'til next time.

### Dates to Remember

...June 2, National Rails-to-Trails Day Race, Cloudcroft. Call 505-434-3787 for more info.

...June 3, Ronny Cox & Jack Williams in concert at the Sacramento Mountains Museum & Pioneer Village, 1000 Hwy. 82, Cloudcroft, 7 p.m., \$10 advance ticket, \$15 at the door. 505-682-2932 or 505-682-2733, or [www.smhs@tularosa.net](mailto:www.smhs@tularosa.net)

...June 8-9, Melodrama, Cloudcroft Light Opera Company, Zenith Park Pavilion, cheer for the hero and boo the villain, no charge.

...June 14, Flag Day, fly it proudly!

...June 15-17, Western Heritage Days, historic Burro St., Cloudcroft. Call 505-682-2733 for more info. Lots of fun for the entire family!

...June 15-16, Melodrama, Cloudcroft Light Opera Company, Zenith Park Pavilion, no charge.

...June 16-17, Cherry Festival, High Rolls, artist and food vendors and, of course, everything cherry! Call 505-682-3445 for more info.

...June 17, **Father's Day**. Remember Dad on his day!

...June 17, Father's Day buffet brunch at the Lodge in Cloudcroft. Call 1-800-395-6343 for more info.

...June 21, First Day of Summer (longest day of year)

...June 30, Auction in Zenith Park, Cloudcroft, sponsored by the Cloudcroft Methodist Church, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

...June 30-July 1, Renaissance Fantasy Faire. Merchants, vendors, crafters, artists, demos, games all on the streets of Cloudcroft. Fun for the whole family. Call 505-682-3338 for more info.

### Sacramento/Weed EMS Volunteer Rescue Team

- Russ Wright, EMS Director

Let me introduce you to the Weed/Sac EMS Volunteer Rescue Team. They provide emergency medical support to the Weed/Sac and Pinon Fire Districts. They are one great team. Elaine and I are Basic EMTs. Al and Teri Alvarez, and Sheila Fry are First Responders. Debbie Adams is a Nurse who is qualified to ride with the Team. The Weed/Sac firefighters have been trained in first aid and CPR. All available members of the Fire and EMS team respond when you call 911. Tom Fry, Captain of the Sacramento Station, most often drives for us. If you ever have a problem that requires emergency on site help and

transportation, please call 911. No matter who shows up to help, you will receive dedicated, knowledgeable support.

The Sacramento/Weed Rescue Service has just received a "new" rescue vehicle from Cloudcroft. We now have AEDs strategically placed through the District at the Wrights, the Alvarazes, and the Rescue Truck in the Sacramento Station. There are also AEDs at the Boy Scout Camp and the Sacramento Methodist Assembly. These devices have limited usefulness once a person loses a viable heart rhythm so at the first sign of heart trouble call 911. We now have helicopter support from Southwest MedEvac, with helicopters in Alamogordo and Hobbs. They fly with a paramedic and a nurse on board. You can call in this support yourself by requesting it when you call 911. (Of course, weather and night flying conditions limit their ability to fly -- that's always the pilot's call.) Our team will stabilize and prepare the patient for flight, while our fire fighters create a landing zone for the helicopter. We continue to get support from the paramedics with AMR in Alamogordo, and Artesia Ambulance Service and transportation support from the Cloudcroft Ambulance Service. For serious medical emergencies, we recommend that you always call 911. During personal automobile transport, the condition could easily worsen. At those times you want trained support on hand.

The volunteer EMS team in Sacramento/Weed continue to train and do all we can to get you closer to the medical support you require when you are sick or injured. If you would like to be part of this dedicated team, call Elaine or me (687-3073) or talk to any of members of the Team. This fall there will be a EMT Basic course offered in Cloudcroft. If you join the Fire and Rescue Team and agree to use your training to serve this community, the Sacramento/Weed Fire Department will pay for your education and provide all your equipment. We'd love to have you on the team.

### 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 2 p.m. A potluck luncheon is held on the third Sunday of the month.

VBS is June 18 - 22, 9 to 11:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided. Pre-kindergarten to grade 5.

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 second Sunday of the month.

### Farmers' Almanac June Gardening Tips

1 Poor planting day. Cut hay or do general farm work.

2-3 Plant late beets, potatoes, onions, carrots and other root crops.

4-6 Poor days for planting. Kill plant pests, spray, fertilize, do general farm work.

7-8 Favorable time for planting late root crops. Also good for vine crops. Set strawberry plants.

9-10 Cut hay or do plowing on these barren days.

11-12 Good days for planting root crops.

13-14 Seeds planted now tend to rot in ground.

15-17 Plant tomatoes, beans, peppers, corn, cotton and other aboveground crops on these most fruitful days. Plant seedbeds and flower gardens.

18-22 Poor period for planting. Kill plant pests. Clear fencerows. Clear land.

23-24 Favorable for planting peas, beans, tomatoes and other fall crops bearing aboveground. Sow grains and forage crops. Plant flowers.

25-27 Extra good for planting fall lettuce, cabbage, cauliflower, collards and other leafy vegetables. All aboveground crops planted now will do well. Plant seedbeds also.

28-29 Poor planting days. Cut hay or do general farm work.

30 Plant late beets, potatoes, onions, carrots and other root crops.

### For Sale by Owner

195 Agua Chiquita Rd., Sacramento, NM., 3-bedroom, 2-bath mobile home, 16'x80', 12'x32' covered porch, on 1.777 acres. Call 505-687-3349 for more information.

### For Sale by Owner

3-bedroom, 2-bath, pond & fountain, 2 lots, Hay Canyon Rd., Sacramento, NM. 505-687-3865

### For Rent or Sale

Unfurnished 2-bedroom, 1- bath cabin in Sacramento, NM. Includes washer/dryer connection, stove, refrigerator, and wood-burning stove. Rent \$350/mo. plus \$200 deposit. No smoking or pets in house. Available June 15. For sale price or additional information, call Tom Ward at 505-687-3104.

When poet Donald Hall met with sculptor Henry Moore, he dared to ask if Moore believed that there was a secret to life. The response astonishes: "The secret of life, Moore answered without flinching, "is to have a task, something you devote your entire life to, something you bring everything to, every minute of the day for your whole life. And the most important thing is - it must be something you cannot possibly do."

From The Art of Pilgrimage by Phil Cousineau

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bluegrass Festival July 21-22, 2007 Weed, NM**

**Bands:** Buddy & Tina Wright, Capitan Gap, Daybreak Express, Desert Willow, Simple Gifts, Texas Country, Triple L, and Vintage

Master of Ceremonies: Frank Devine

Admission: \$10 for adults; 12 and under FREE!  
Jam Session Friday Night, July 20 - FREE  
Sunday Gospel Program FREE!

**Square Dance Exhibition by the Alamo Squares**

Craft Booth Spaces Available  
Concession Stand  
Guest Bands Welcome

For more information, please call 505-687-3680,  
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