



Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!  
The Agua Chiquita, August 31, 2006, View From the Weed Bridge

**Our Deepest Sympathies are extended** to:

...Noel & Shirley Akers and family on the death of Noel's son, Marvin. Services were held in Alamogordo, Saturday, August 26.  
...the Fleming family on the loss of their loved one, Timber Fleming.  
...Jim & Birgit Davidson and their daughter, Nicole, on the loss of Nicole's fiancée, Dustin, who died in Iraq.

**Dinner and Music at the Weed Café**

Saturday, September 2, 6 p.m. Special Guest Musician, Junior Daugherty. Adults: \$10; Children ages 7 thru 12: \$5; Children 6 and under, no charge.

**Dates to Remember**

...[Bookmobile](#), Tuesday, September 5, vicinity of the Weed Café, 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.  
...[Game Night](#), September 15, same time, same place. Last month's game night was full of laughter which was listed on the menu as "Free." Slim lost his rabbit foot in dominos!  
...[Journey to Health Seminar](#), September 27, 3 pm, home of Russ & Elaine Wright  
...[First Day of Autumn](#), September 22  
...[Book Club](#) get-together, September 23, 5:30 p.m. in the home of Chuck & Joyce Komraus.  
...[Old-Fashioned Sunday Gospel Music](#), 2 - 5 p.m. Sunday, September 24, Weed Community Center auditorium. Everyone welcome! For more info, call Slim or Alvearee Stewart, 687-3397.

**Weed/Sac Fire Department**

Our EMTs had ambulance runs on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> of August. We are so grateful to our EMTs and all they do for our community. Thanks to all the rain, we had no fires in August! Don't know about the rest of you, but the Wards recorded

over 15.5" of rain! Can hardly wait to see what September brings!

**Slash Pit**

Weather permitting, the slash pit will be open Friday, September 1; Saturday, September 9; and Friday, September 29. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Hunting in Unit 34**

Bow season for elk, deer, and bear is September 1-22. Turkey season is September 11-19. Check the 2006-2007 NM Big Game & Trapper Rules & Information booklet for requirements.

**Weed Art Group**

The Weed Art Group welcomes talented artists and about-to-be-talented artists using various media to its weekly meetings on Tuesdays at the Weed School. The sessions run from 5 - 7:30pm with a come-when-you-want, leave-when-you-want format. There is no cost. The Weed Art Group provides an educational, supportive, and relaxed atmosphere for people wanting to work on their own projects or people wanting to work with others in the same medium. Participants need to bring their own materials. Two formal presentations are scheduled for September.

September 12, 5 p.m., Cyndy Nesbit, TBA

September 26, 6 p.m., Janet Cliff

"Dealing with Realism"

Please contact Janet at 687-2036 or [jcliff@projectworldview.org](mailto:jcliff@projectworldview.org) for more info.

**Piñon News**

- Margaret Merritt

Greetings wet ones with smiles and floods of water! After two to three weeks of fleecy clouds and scattered .2" to .8" of rain (sometimes 2") each week to start those huge numbers of green dams called grass, we began to get RAIN.

Like 3-1/2" in two hours all around SE New Mexico. Rushing arroyos, washed-out roads, green grass!

Not since 1941 have I personally seen anything like these downpours. The early showers were gentle; but, now, every trip away from headquarters is an adventure as to when home arrival will happen - Where will I be - beside rushing water waiting for run-down to occur?

Sturdy water gaps of many years standing strain and disappearing down the creek. Our 9' measure for water in the Piñon Creek left the first big rise the first week. WOW!

Local folks are struggling to replace water gaps in pastures as State Highway Department personnel attempt to keep traffic flowing on roads subjected to repeated onslaughts of high water volume.

One water gap in particular on SR 24 near Piñon was superbly engineered in the beginning construction. Apparently, it stretched, bowed, and rolled with water - over 9' deep. After the water went down, it was back in service with use of a D7 Cat, 5 men, and 2 hours. Good job, folks!

This area is rejoicing over rain and green grass. Full tanks of water are wonderful, except where they washed away completely.

The resulting destruction from heavy flow of water has most of us reeling from fatigue of repair efforts or shock of what do we do with this project?

A note of interest: The Piñon Church of Christ will miss Ralph & Jodie Skelton who have gone to a new home in Kress, TX. They moved everything last week.

#### From the Heart - Pat Scott

I had two gentlemen callers come from Las Cruces to visit me August 7-10 - Adam, 12, and Isaac, 10. Dennis and Cathy Alberson (my son that I "stole" and his wife) entrusted me with their sons, and what a gift it was! We had a grand visit, giggling and talking about everything like "what makes the stars twinkle?" We looked for arrowheads and pottery, raked up grass, dug a ditch, played baseball with Zach Comino.

Thursday, we went way up Wills Canyon for a picnic and drank out of a mountain spring. The country is so green, with tall grass everywhere, fat cows and calves, and then we saw a llama grazing with the cows! What a surprise (he had a long trip from Argentina to the Sacramento Mountains!)

I learned that I can really enjoy the company of, and conversations with, young children. These boys are the cream of the crop. Again - I am blessed!

#### Anniversaries, Birthdays, Get Well, Here & There

##### **Happy September Anniversary to:**

...Jimmy & Frances Goss, 50<sup>th</sup>, 9/7 **Congratulations!**

...Jim & Birgit Davidson, 9/8

##### **Happy September Birthday to:**

...Sharon Moore, 1<sup>st</sup>

...Will Stevens, 5<sup>th</sup>

...Cynthia Samilton, 9<sup>th</sup>

...Mitzi Ashley, 10<sup>th</sup>

...Cliff Miller, 11<sup>th</sup>

...Jammie Stevens, 13<sup>th</sup>

...Matthew Harvey & Bonnie Foster, 15<sup>th</sup>

...Lonnie Joe Schueltz & Don Sadauskas, 16<sup>th</sup>

...Jimmy Stone, 20<sup>th</sup>

...John Braziel, 23<sup>rd</sup>

...Carrie Stanbrough, 28<sup>th</sup>

##### **Belated Congratulations to:**

...Brandon Myers and Lisa Walker who were married August 19 in the Weed Gym. Brandon is the son of Willard and June Myers; and Lisa is a member of the Walker family who migrated to this area in the 1800s.

##### **Comings & Goings**

...Cynthia Samilton says "Hope all is well in Weed, NM. Michael and I are traveling from Dallas to our second home in Weed the 1st week of September."

...Brother Don & Anna Rae had another short visit from their daughter, Sabrina, and granddaughter, Lachelle. They were also visited by their son, Blaine.

...Gary & Debbie Stone had a visit from their daughter, Jammie, and her husband, Will, who will be stationed in Hawaii for the next 3 years.

##### **Get Well to:**

...Billy Weddle who had surgery for carpal tunnel syndrome. Both hands! Ouch!

...Obie Manning who recently had an overnight stay in the hospital. He's okay!

...John Rauch who is still having problems with his wrist which was operated on several weeks ago.

...Ron Byerly

##### **Thanks to:**

...James & MaryLou Otts for the donation to the newsletter.

#### 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. Sunday School for all ages begins at 11 a.m., with worship service beginning at 12 a.m.

Piñon Church of Christ - Worship services continue, with Sunday Bible Study at 10:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 11:30 a.m.; potluck 12:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m.

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

On a recent Sunday, we had visitors...a couple from Alamo. During the welcome time, the man said he had brought his girlfriend up to the mountains unbeknownst to her to propose to her. And he did...right then. Fortunately she accepted. The congregation applauded...and reached for the Kleenex!

Travis Husted, who has been an intern at SMA for the past year, has moved on to other opportunities. We miss him and wish him well in whatever he does.

Weed Baptist Church - 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.

We welcome our new pastor, Reverend Wade Maberry, and his wife, Tanya, as well as Echo and Sienna (Tanya's horses). They'll be arriving with their first load of belongings from Gilmer, TX. about September 6. We hope the community will welcome them, too. Bro. Mitch Hibbard will serve as our interim pastor.

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. A potluck luncheon the first Sunday of the month.

Wednesday Bible study class, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### Ranch Rodeo - Frances Goss

Spike Goss and his sons, Kyle and Kade, along with John Braziel, James Christenson, and Heath Barker, have organized a ranch rodeo team and have been competing against other ranch teams around New Mexico. Ranch Rodeo is not to be confused with professional rodeo. In order to participate, you only have to be experienced in ordinary ranch work. These guys are getting to have some fun doing what they do every day. The events are time events, and 3 minutes is allowed for each one. If you don't finish your event in this amount of time, you get a no-time for that one event. Scores are figured on not only time but points for what you do. The events are catching your horses in a pen, one horse at a time, each man catching his own, getting them saddles and racing to the other end of the arena simultaneously. Team tying, one member ropes the head, one the heels and ties the calf down. Cutting a cow, calf and yearling out of the herd and penning them in a pen at the opposite end of the arena. Roping two calves that are assigned to them, one by the head and one by the heels, branding them and turning them back to the herd. Wild cow milking, one member ropes a cow that has never been milked and two members hold her while one milks her and races to the judge with the milk. Spike is the designated mild man! Bronc riding, a bronc is turned loose in the arena and the team ropes and ears it down to allow the bronc rider to saddle it and get on and ride from one end of the arena to the other and back. Kyle is the team bronc rider. Trailer loading, one man ropes a calf and the team gets it into the front of the trailer, closes the middle gate, and two members load their horses in the back, and all race to the pick-up and jump in. May not sound like much fun to some of you, but these guys would certainly disagree. They have taken part in three rodeos this summer and were in Lordsburg on Friday, August 26, and will be in Las Cruces in September. Not to leave Ky and Felicity out of the fun, they spent the month of June in the Lincoln County Gymkhana practicing for their turn at ranch rodeo. This kind of fun includes all of us!

Aluminum cans collected at the Weed Fire Station netted \$61.50 in August for the Weed Community Association.

#### Cloudcroft Art Society

Art Gallery Sale, Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Old Red Brick Schoolhouse, Cloudcroft.

On Sunday, September 3, artist Carol Powell will present a program on **Drawing**. Old Red Brick Schoolhouse, Cloudcroft, 1:30 p.m. Public welcome, free.

#### Upcoming Events this Month

...Labor Day Fun in Cloudcroft. (see page 4)

...16th Annual Cottonwood Arts & Crafts Festival - Alameda Park, Alamogordo, September 2-4. Free admission. For information call 505-437-6120.

...Art & Crafts Show, Ruidoso Downs Senior Center, September 2-4. For more info, call 505-378-8099.

...Moonlight Bicycle Ride at White Sands National Monument. September 7. Advance registration required. Please call 479-6124, ext 111.

...Lumberjack Day, Cloudcroft, September 16

...16th Annual All-American Gun & Western Collectible Show, Ruidoso Convention Center, September 2-3. For info, call 505-257-6171

..."Run to the Aspens" Classic Car Show, Cloudcroft, 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>

...White Sands Hot Air Balloon Invitational, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. For more informational call Pat Raub at 437-3500 or 437-0123 or Ed Brabson at 434-2600.

...Lake Lucero Tour - White Sands National Monument. Time TBA. For more information and reservations call 505-479-6124.

A Flock is a Flock is a Flock ...Right? Not Really! When you see a group of birds, do you know what to call them? Here is a list of some bird group names.

...Bouquet of pheasants

...Cast of hawks

...Charm of finches

...Chattering of starlings

...Congregation of plovers

...Convocation of eagles

...Covey of quail

...Deceit of lapwings

...Descent of woodpeckers

...Dule of doves

...Exaltation of larks

...Fall of woodcocks

...Flight of swallows

...Gaggle of geese

...Host of sparrows

...Murder of crows

...Mustering of storks

...Paddling of ducks

...Parliament of owls

...Rafter of turkeys

...Siege of herons

...Spring of teal

...Tidings of magpies

...Unkindness of ravens

...Watch of nightingales

#### Farmer's Almanac September Garden Tips

1-2 Good days for planting root crops.

3-4 Seeds planted now tend to rot in ground.

5-7 Fine planting days for fall potatoes, turnips, onions, carrots, beets and other root crops. Also



plant seed beds and flower gardens.

**8-12** A most barren period, best for killing plant pests or doing chores around the farm.

**13-14** Good days for planting peas, beans, tomatoes, peppers and other aboveground crops in southern Florida, Texas and California. Excellent for sowing grains, hay and forage crops. Plant flowers.

**15-17** Excellent time for planting aboveground crops that can be planted now, including leafy vegetables, which will do well. Start seed beds.

**18-19** Clear fence rows, wood lots and fields, but do no planting.

**20-21** Any aboveground crops that can be planted now will do well.

**22-23** Poor planting days. Kill plant pests.

**24-25** Favorable days for planting aboveground crops, extra good for vine crops.

**26-27** Seeds planted now will grow poorly and yield little.

**28-29** Good days for planting root crops.

**30** Seeds planted now tend to rot in ground.

### 1,000 Marbles - More or Less

\_\_\_\_\_ Want to put things in perspective? Figure out how many marbles YOU should get.

The average person lives about seventy-five years. Some live more and some live less, but on average, folks live about seventy-five years.

Multiply 75 times 52 and you'll come up with 3900, which is the number of Saturdays that the average person has in their entire lifetime.

How many years do you have before you reach 75? Now multiply those years times 52, and you'll come up with the number of Saturdays you have left. I, personally, have less than 500 to enjoy, presuming I live to be 75. How many Saturdays do you have left?? If you watch a jar of marbles diminish when you take one out every Saturday, I believe you'll focus more on the really important things in life. There is nothing like watching your time here on this earth run out to help get your priorities straight."

\_\_\_\_\_ A friend sent this to me... and I wanted to share it with you.

As one smart bear once said..."If you live to be a hundred, I want to live to be a hundred minus one day, so I never have to live without you."  
- Winnie the Pooh.

### **For Sale**

1989 Holiday Rambler Imperial 37-ft 5<sup>th</sup> wheel trailer. Four seasons unit with enclosed undercarriage. Dual front and aft furnaces. Includes two free-standing AC refrigerators. Sleeps 6. Ideal for semi-permanent set-up. Presently located at Sunspot, NM. \$2,500. Call Wendell or Cathy at 505-437-6822 (W) or 505-687-3050(H).

### Labor Day Weekend in Cloudcroft - Gloria Wood

The rains have come and it's absolutely beautiful in the Sacramento Mountains and the Village of Cloudcroft. Everything is lush and green with the gorgeous colors of wild flowers, and even the weeds are looking good. It's a must you and your family need to be in Cloudcroft for an event-filled Labor Day weekend starting Friday night Sept. 1st

with a Star Party. Saturday, Sunday and Monday we'll keep you hoppin' or you can just sit on Burro or in the Lincoln National Forest and enjoy Mother Nature.

Saturday morning at 10:30 the music will begin. Southern Gospel Music Concert featuring New Ground will perform for an hour or so and then again at 1:30 pm. There will be the money pit set-up for the kids filled with coins and small treasures and a Piñata Bash. Saturday night will be our last street dance of the season, so plan to dance the night away under the New Mexico sky.

Sunday is filled with exciting things to do and music to hear. Coffeehouse Country from Thelma Pearl will begin at 11 am. At 2 p.m., the Panzazztic will play their Latin rhythm sound; and then to cap the evening off, the music of Bo Rivers from 5 - 7 pm in front of First National Bank. Bring a chair and light jacket and enjoy.

Labor Day Monday will be filled with fun and, of course, the famous watermelon seed spitting contest in front of Pine Stump Mall at 3 pm. Be there and enjoy free watermelon. Also, the Cloudcroft Light Opera Company will end its melodrama season with a funnier-than-funny performance - "D.K. Molar the Dentist," or "There's Gold In Them There Teeth." This performance will take place at the open-air pavilion Friday, Saturday and Sunday night. Show time is 7:30 pm. What a good way to end your summer with four days in Cloudcroft. There is plenty to do like hiking, rent a bike, play golf, bird watch, shop in our unique shops and dine in the many eateries. Lodgers still have a few rooms, so make that call and let us help you make lasting memories. For more information call the Cloudcroft Chamber of Commerce at 505 682-2733 or at 1-866-UPHIGH7.

### Who's the Best Lumberjack?

This is the question that will be answered on September 16 in Cloudcroft. Lumberjacks from all over will be competing for more than \$3,000 in prize money in Men and Women's Axe throw, Men and Women's Single Buck, Men and Women's Double Buck, Jack and Jill Bucking, obstacle Pole, Choker Race, Standing Block Chop, Stihl Stock Saw, 0-60cc Chain Saw, 60cc to 5 cubic inch Chain Saw, Over 5 cubic inch Chain Saw, "The Hot Saw" and the Antique Saw (pre 1960). Plus fun safe events for the kids and plenty of food and fun. For more information call 1-866-uphigh7.

### From the Editor

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