

Sacramento Weed EMS News - E. Wright

Your local EMS service has recently obtained its license from the NM Board of Pharmacy and will soon have emergency drugs on board the Rescue Vehicle and EMT jump kits. First Responders and EMT-Basics will be able to administer albuterol for asthma. EMT-Basics will have epinephrine available for severe allergy emergencies (anaphylaxis) and narcan for narcotic drug overdose. Even though we usually think of "drug overdose" as something that happens in the cities to people who are abusing heroin, it can also happen to an ordinary person with legitimate prescribed medications. Sometimes doctors prescribe medications which interact with each other to create an "overdose" situation. Or, a person can innocently mix up the medications they've been taking and end up with too much in their system. Or, you might be given a new medication that your system doesn't tolerate well and you can end up with what amounts to an "overdose". All these situations can lead to excessive sedation and/or respiratory depression. Narcan is a very safe drug that reverses the effects of narcotics quickly. We're glad to have this "on board" now to help out if this situation ever arises.

As always, we urge you to call 911 if you have a medical emergency of any kind. We'd rather come out to help and find a "false alarm" than have you wait until your emergency has gotten very serious. And keep in mind that your EMS folks are all volunteers and there may be a time when none of them is near the radio or able to respond. In that case, help will come, but probably from Mayhill or Cloudcroft, so you'll have to wait a bit longer. We're a long way from the hospitals up here, and time is a critical factor in getting a sick or injured person to definitive care, so we hope you'll call 911 sooner, rather than later.

Weed Library - Joyce Komraus

Unless things change and the weather stays warmer, the Weed Community Library will close for the winter on the last Saturday of September. But if there are enough people who will use the library during the winter months, we will try to keep it open perhaps one Saturday a month.

"Journey Towards Healing" Seminar

On October 15, 3 p.m., at the Spirit Ranch, Cal Blodgett, friend, neighbor, and follower of the Lakota Tradition of the Pipe, will present Wohpe, The White Buffalo Calf Woman and Her Gift of the Cannonpa, or pipe, that is central to Lakota ritual and healing. Cal will share his

understanding of this ancient healing and meanings we can glean from it and apply to our lives. Weather permitting for those who are interested, Cal has agreed to take us through the Inipi, or vapor purification ceremony (what we call a Sweat). Call 687-3073 for directions and more info.

Dates to Remember

...October 3 - Bookmobile by Weed Café, 1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

...October 9 - Columbus Day (Post Office closed)

...October 7 - "Meet the Candidates" at the Piñon Community Center, 6 p.m. There will be a fund-raiser auction by Joe Bell for the Community Center.

...October 28 - Rep. Steve Pearce will be at the Weed Café, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Game Night

The October game night will be on the 13th in the Weed Community Center at 6 p.m. Be there or be square! The September game night was another hit. Free food and laughter, donations were expected, it was serve-yourself. The Bingo was a winner, with everyone winning several times, except poor Shirley. One of the winners finally gave her their Bingo. Try again Shirley! Thanks to all the helpers and to Noel for a great Bingo calling.

Piñon News

- Margaret Merritt

Lots of activities in the mountain area these days. Our rains came in quantity and regularly during July and August. One in particular was 3-1/2" in two hours. Our steeply graded hillsides were swept clean of all accumulated debris plus many rocks. Some rocks were of expected size to be moved by water. Many were unbelievably large.

Since the rains ceased, the ranchers and Highway Department people have been trying to assess and repair the damage.

Immediate needs were to repair the highway - washouts, culverts damaged or missing, laning for a one lane on former 2-lanes. Second was replacing watergaps on highways to keep cattle from freely using washouts to roam on highways. Cattle guards also posed safety threats to motorists since mud/rock debris stuffed Cattle guards are no barrier to four-footed creatures. Nothing much more disturbing than meeting the back end of a black cow on a blacktop road at dusk or just daylight! Not much better is meeting a red or red & white cow on a road at more than 20mph in a car or truck. Rather hard on both the hit and hitter. So we struggle to keep the twain separated.

Absolutely necessary fence breaks, known as watergaps, are repaired first to safeguard the livestock and people. This year, repair meant complete replacement since destruction was complete. Some of us did the same total job again the day after

completion. Another devastating, blessed rain came. Bright side is, our area has grass knee high, heading out where we had begun to wonder if the whole area was barren of life.

Our mountains are awesomely green and flower strewn, waiting for the enjoyment of human eyes. Come see!

During bow season for elk and deer, Sam Henderson's Cook Shack was surrounded by pickups and trailers while the lights glowed and the good smells of food and sounds of visiting and laughter wafted out the windows.

Untidy scraps of white on bushes along Hwy. 24 shouldn't be blamed on careless hunters or campers. Those are markers for the pervasively invading cedars which mar our grassland meadows. Some cedars are good for wood to keep warm in winter chills. Some cedars are fine for furniture. Cedar posts/stays for fences are good. Bushy, trashy cedars only shelter the wildlife, some of which humans don't appreciate such as skunks, rattlesnakes, scorpions, etc.

Visiting at the Merritt Ranch have been Jane Merritt Murray and her son, Jamey of Diamond, MO, who have been busy helping Grandma catch up on the build-up of work on the ranch. Jamey is a tenacious worker of strength who makes an impressive result clearing a debris-clogged watergap. Fun for Grandma and appreciated.

Mrs. Merritt and Dan & Beverly Bell hosted nine water-bound folks one night when our 9-foot water marker on Piñon Creek disappeared downstream somewhere. Elk were safe from hunters and Dallas had to wait! Tiny Hwy. 24 was blocked and Piñon was an island. Phones were all well worked. Adios 'til next time.

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Get Well, Comings & Goings

Happy Anniversary to:

...Don & Anna Rae Brown, Gary & Debbie Stone, Oct. 13

...Doug & Evelyn Miller, Oct. 17

...Dub & Barbara Schuessler, Oct. 23

Happy Birthday to:

...Dub Schuessler, Oct. 4

...Randy Adams, Zachary Comino, Oct. 10

...Tom Ward, Oct. 14

...Kyle Goss, Oct. 15

...Mayiak Green, Oct. 18

...Jincy Gage, Oct. 23

...H.B. Newell, Lauren Comino, Oct. 25

...Dee Hester, Oct. 28

...Merle Smith, Lelana Pfaffenberger, Oct. 31

Comings & Goings:

...Dub & Barb Schuessler enjoyed a week-long cruise to and in Alaska.

...Evelyn Miller enjoyed a visit with her daughter and grandchildren in Dallas.

Get Well to:

...Lavada Wilde and Merle Smith

Welcome to:

...Bro. Wade & Tanya Maberry, the new pastor and his wife at the Weed Baptist Church.

Upcoming Events

...October 7 - Trinity Site Tour, White Sands Missile Range. Call 800-826-0294 for more info.

...October 7-8 - Aspenfest Weekend, Ruidoso

...October 7-8 - Octoberfest, Zenith Park, Cloudcroft

...October 13-15 - Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium. Lots of activities. Call 505-378-4142 for more info.

...October 20-21 - Oktoberfest, Ruidoso Convention Center

...October 21-22 - Apple Festival, High Rolls

...October 29 - Harvestfest/Pumpkin Races, Burro Avenue, Cloudcroft

...October 31 - 13th Annual Smokey Bear's Halloween Festival, Capitan. Call 505-354-2748 for more info.

House Sitter Job Opening

Responsible person or couple needed for occasional house-sitting job. Generous pay plus accommodations in exchange for daily feeding of cats, dogs, and horses. Call Russ or Elaine at 687-3073.

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.

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.

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.

The One That Didn't Get Away! -J. Garrett

Recently, after one of the heavy rains, Jim Hengstenberg of SMA found two carp in the camp's lower pond. They had arrived there thru the pipe that runs under the road to the office and the lower parking lot...a distance of about a football field and a bit more. Whether they had gone thru the pipe willingly or had been forced thru by the heavy rain is not known. Jim fixed up a net and captured them and returned them to their home in the duck pond. Can't

you just hear the story they had to tell the rest of the fish when they returned? Talk about a fish story!

Farmer's Almanac October Garden Tips

1 Plant tomatoes, peas, beans and other above-ground crops, indoors in the north, outdoors in the lower South.

2-3 Poor planting days. Kill poison ivy, weeds, clear land, but do no planting.

4-5 Favorable days for planting above-ground crops, extra good for vine crops, where climate is suitable.

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8-10 Good days for planting beets, carrots, onions, turnips and other hardy root crops where climate is suitable.

11-12 Poor days for planting, seeds tend to rot in ground. 13-15 Best planting days for fall potatoes, turnips, onions, carrots, beets and other root crops where climate is suitable. Also plant seedbeds, flower gardens.

16-19 Grub out weeds, briars and other plant pests.

20-22 The first day is favorable for planting root crops, fine for sowing hay, fodder crops and grains. Fine for sowing grains, hay and forage crops. Plant flowers on all days.

23-24 Favorable days for planting above-ground crops and leafy vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage, kale and celery, where climate is suitable. Start seedbeds.

25-26 Do clearing and plowing, but no planting.

27-28 Plant tomatoes, peas, beans and other above-ground crops, indoors in the north, outdoors in lower South.

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Sacramento Mountain Ham Radio Club

The Sacramento Mountain Ham Radio Club had a potluck on September 30 at James Canyon Fire Station. There has been such a rapid growth of licensed amateur radio operators on the mountain that we decided to combine a family get-together with a question and answer time about everyone's new radio. Meetings are held at 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the James Canyon Volunteer Fire Station. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Decorations

No, it's not too early to be thinking about Christmas! If you have extra indoor or outdoor Christmas decorations you would like to donate to the Weed Community, please call Patsy Ward at 505-687-3104. We're planning a bigger display to include more of downtown Weed and need more decorations.

Hunting Dates - Unit 34

...September 23 - November 30. Bear. Any legal weapon.

...September 30 - October 4. Elk. Muzzle loader.

...October 7-11. Elk. Any legal sporting arm.

...October 21-25. Deer. Muzzle loader.

...October 28 - November 1. Deer. Any legal sporting arm.

Cloudcroft School Sports Schedule - Oct.

Bears Varsity Football

6th - Santa Rosa, away, 7 p.m.

14th - Lordsburg, home, 1 p.m.

21st - Tularosa, home, 1 p.m.

27th - Estancia, away, 7 p.m.

Bears Junior Varsity Football

12th - Mayfield Freshmen, home, 4 p.m.

19th - Ruidoso Freshmen, away, 4 p.m.

26th - Capitan, away, 4 p.m.

HS Lady Bears Volleyball

3rd - Mescalero, away, 4/5 p.m., JV/V

5th - Tularosa, away, 4/5 p.m., JV/V

10th - Mesilla Valley, home, 4/5/6 p.m., C/JV/V

14th - Lordsburg, home, 2/3/4 p.m., C/JV/V

17th - Tularosa, home, 4/5 p.m., JV/V

19th - Mescalero, home, 4/5 p.m., JV/V

JHS Lady Bears Volleyball

3rd - HAFB, away, 4/5 p.m., 7 & 8

5th - Mt. View, home, 4/5 p.m., 7 & 8

Cross Country

7th - Oñate Invitational, Las Cruces, 9 a.m.

14th - Mescalero Invitational, Mescalero Apache School, 9 a.m.

19th - Ruidoso Invitational, Ruidoso, 3 p.m.

28th - District Championships, Mescalero Apache School, 12 Noon

Nov. 4 - State Championships, Rio Rancho

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 - 7:30 p.m. 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. A presentation, ranging from art basics to demonstrations in a particular art form to issues in art, occurs each week. Please contact Janet at 687-2036 or jcliff@projectworldview.org for more info.

Weed Café Dinner & Music

Call 505-687-3611 for Reservations

October 7 - Bo Rivers. If you like Willie Nelson, you'll love Bo Rivers. 6 p.m.

October 21 - Junior Daugherty, 6 p.m.

From the Editor

Deadline for submissions to the Hitchin' Post is the 25th of each month. News may be sent via e-mail to Patsy Ward at patrice@cavemen.net or to P.O. Box 565, It is available by e-mail, at the Weed Café, the Weed Store, or on line at www.mountaintimes.net.

Hi, Missy!