

Our Sympathy and Prayers to:

...Terry & Marie Rodgers and family on the death of Terry's mother in Arkansas. Services were held August 19.

...Wade & Tanya Maberry on the death of Tanya's brother, Bill, in Carthage, TX on August 22. Services were held in Carthage on August 25.

Anniversaries, Birthdays, Comings & Goings, Get Well Wishes, Etc.**Happy Anniversary to:**

...Jimmy and Frances Goss -7

...Jim and Birgit Davidson; Tom and Donna Smith-8

Happy Birthday to:

...Sharon Moore-1

...Dan Simmons-2

...Will Stevens-5

...Dusty Smith-8

...Cynthia Samilton-9

...Mitzi Ashley-10

...Cliff Miller-11

...Jammie Stevens-13

...Bonnie Foster; Matt Harvey-15

...Lonnie Joe Schueltz; Don Saudauskas-16

...Jimmie Stone-20

...John Braziel-23

...Carrie Stanbrough-28

Congratulations to:

...the Hibbard family on their newest arrival, Melissa Grace, on August 6. Melissa weighed 7 lbs. 2 oz, and was 20" long.

Get Well Wishes & Prayers to:

...LaVada Wild

...Wayne Bellon

...Pat Foster

...Tom Ward

...Louise Winkel

...Norma Sadauskas & her brother, Scott Hussey

Comings & Goings:

...Brother Don and Anna Rae Brown went on a well-deserved 2-week vacation. While they were gone, Pastor Rick Smith and his wife, Vicki, filled in for Bro. Don at the Weed House of Prayer. Rick is with the American Missionary Fellowship in Cloudcroft and was kind enough to come and share with us about his ministry and family and God's word. We thank them and hope they come again.

...John & Judi Leigh and Chuck & Joy Geer spent a couple of weeks at their cabin in the Weed area. The guys did a little hunting while the gals took in their peaceful surroundings.

...Dub & Barb Schuessler had a visit from Barb's son, Jeff, and his family prior to the Schuesslers departure to their new home in Bedford, TX, on August 14.

...It was so wonderful to see Oscar and Sharon Moore. Our prayers have been with them for quite awhile and they both looked great.

Welcome to:

...Jerry & Mary Ann Carpenter and their daughter and her three sons. The Carpenters reside in the Hammett's former residence.

...Ed & Christina Jewett who reside in the house once owned by Dub & Barb Schuessler.

Thank You to:

...Everyone who made our Farewell Potluck Supper so special. We love you all and miss you! Barb & Dub Schuessler, Ken & Pat Hammett & Julie Burris.

Weed Café

Sunday	Closed
Monday thru Thursday	7 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Friday and Saturday	7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Karaoke on Friday nights!

Dinner & Music on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month! Reservations recommended. 505-687-3611. Along with the regular menu, ribeye steak, teriyaki chicken, & catfish are served from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday & Saturday. Always daily specials to tantalize your tastebuds!

Weed Calendar

September 3, Post Office closed (Labor Day)

September 4, VFD meeting, 7 p.m.

September 5, Bookmobile, Weed Café, 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

September 21, Game Night, 6 p.m., Weed School

September 24, Weed Community meeting, 6 p.m.

Upcoming Events

September 1, Arts & Crafts Show/Garage Sale, Piñon Community Center, 8:30 a.m. 'til ????

September 1-3: Labor Day Fiesta, Cloudcroft. Sidewalk sales, food, games, and much more.

September 15: Lumberjack Day, Zenith Park, Cloudcroft, with events such as the Axe Throw, the Standing Block Chop, and the "Hot Saw."

September 15: Run to the Aspens Car Show, Zenith Park, Cloudcroft

September 30: Mountain Church Fifth Sunday Sing, Trinity Baptist Church, High Rolls, 5 p.m. Potluck supper to follow. All singers, musicians, and aficionados of Christian music are welcome.

James Canyon VFD BBQ

- Phyllis Watters

The James Canyon VFD Auxiliary will sponsor a BBQ at the Red Barn at the entry of Cloud Country Estates (Hwy 82 between mile markers 26 & 27) on Saturday, September 1, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., with an auction at 5:30 p.m. Adults - \$7; children under 12 - \$5. Dinner ticket entitles you to participate in the raffle. Lots of prizes! Tickets available at the door.

September Observances (a very small list)

V-J Day: 2
Labor Day: 3
International Literacy Day: 8
National Grandparents' Day: 9
Remember Freedom Day: 11
Citizenship Day: 17
International Day of Prayer: 17
Air Force Birthday: 18
Autumn Begins: 23
Substitute Teacher Appreciation Week: 17-22
Religious Freedom Week: 21-30
National Chimney Safety Week: 24-30
National Hispanic Heritage Month: Sept. 15 - Oct. 15

Sacramento News

- Joy Garrett

Many in the community of Sacramento are mourning the death of Frisbee, Tom and Sheila Fry's dog. He was a really sweet dog and was the best friend of Amber, the next door dog. She is among the mourners.

Nearly 16 years ago, my husband Bob had the honor and joy of baptizing Drew, the son of Mark and Tacy Ellis, our very good friends. A couple of weeks ago I had the honor and joy of assisting in the baptism of Drew's baby sister. Some time back, Mark and Tacy looked around --- their daughter, Sarah, was being graduated from college and their son was ready for high school --- and decided their family was not complete. They wanted another baby! Even though I think they are certifiable, I was moved to tears to be able to participate in the rite of Baptism. Her name is Claire and she is 8 months old and absolutely precious. Do you remember the Campbell Soup Kids? She could have been the model for them. Claire is not the only thing Tracy has produced. She has recently published a book entitled *Goat Tales, The Izzy Journals* for children of all ages. It is the true story of the first of many many goats they have had over the years. The story is written as if Izzy, the goat, wrote it. Tacy is an English teacher in Texas and Mark is a contractor. In spite of their touch of insanity, they are wonderful parents, and Drew and Sarah are excellent big brother and sister types.

Throughout the summer, the Assembly is visited by work crews from all over who paint and hammer and generally fix up the camp. I had my own work crew...of one...this past month. My daughter, Molly, was here for a week. And we definitely worked! I am amazed when I look around and see what that gal accomplished. First year she came I figured we would do some "gal stuff" ...nothing very strenuous. Well, she replaced a light fixture that was driving me nuts (short trip most people say), redid some bathroom lights, put up shelves all over the place, and built a computer desk for me. The next year we redid a bathroom floor, tiled it, tiled the counter in my bathroom, and solved all the problems that went with redoing the floor. This year we installed carpeting, miniblinds, painted the back porch floor, and put steps in so Larry doesn't have to mountain climb when he delivers my propane this year. And no, I won't rent her out!

Piñon News

- Margaret Merritt

Anyone interested in our public schools was invited to meet at Weed Old School House on

August 21. Upcoming bond issue was considered and explained, questions taken and answered honestly. Sam & Laura Henderson took Margaret Merritt with them. New officials at Cloudcroft have a workable plan to use.

Piñon Club House is acquiring a new heating system which produced some clutter as the job is not finished yet. That fact did nothing to mar the wonderful visit seven old acquaintances had there recently. Bette and Lorena had come from Kansas to visit New Mexico - Roswell where son/brother Charles is in a nursing home, on to Piñon to let Lorena visit her husband's grave in Piñon Cemetery and friends at the Club House. A one-hour visit stretched into three+ hours of memories and laughter shared by seven friends. Good

August brought us showers, grass and WEEDS, some of which nobody can remember seeing before. Some wild ones are poisonous to stock as well as being prickly, sticky leaved nuisances. Consolation: next year won't be the same. Never is. One oldtimer finally bought the "Noxious Weed" book after losing several horses of value. Five known weeds present so far that she is destroying on sight.

Maturing grass is producing, turning cute little creatures into not cute cuddlers but into visibly marketable livestock this Fall.

The baby shower given for Kyra here last month was right on target. Pink all around. The baby is a girl. We all had fun seeing pink, pink, pink.

There was an Open House at the Hibbards on August 26 to welcome the newest little Hibbard, Melissa Grace. She is a carbon copy of her siblings. Beautiful babies.

Margaret Merritt visited Lubbock to be there for Ann & Dub Hannel's 42nd anniversary. They were married in the Piñon Church of Christ. An event of large size, everyone in or near Piñon was involved. Many house guests overflowed Merritt resources. Neighbors have always helped. In 2007, family members came from Missouri, Arizona, and New Mexico, gathering in Lubbock where all the Hannel grandchildren got re-acquainted with other Merritt grandchildren. A grand and glorious time. Birthdays were celebrated. One in the backyard where an inflatable slide/ladder/kiddie pool with built-in slide shower entertained us all. There were a couple of showers to bystanders while the water hose was being connected/adjusted as the whole project was being aired up electrically. A hot, muggy day but the eleven great-grandkids gave us lots of laughs as they climbed the ladder, tried the wet slide right side/left side, upside and downside. Sixteen months to seven years, girls/boys all had personal ideas on best way to get wet. Weeks old Eli enjoyed my lap. Sixteen-month-old kept trying to climb back up the slide. Don't think the engineers planned it that way. They finally decided to just jump up/down/splash. Warned about "take your turn" after a few wet collisions of surprise but no injuries. Hosts got a bonus yard irrigation.

Beautiful trip back home to the ranch where Mike had kept everything going. Glad to be back.

- Adios, Margaret

Christian Counseling

"Don't let things happen to you—go happen to things!" urged Dr. Ray Goin of Sacramento, New

Mexico. Dr. Goin is a Christian counselor who has recently moved to the area from Sacramento, California.

Goin is offering a variety of retreat approaches oriented toward turning one's life around in 24 hours and a method for continuing life improvement for the rest of one's life. His work has to do with recovery and restoration after any of life's failures.

The retreat weekend in our New Mexico Sacramento Mountains will be September 14 - 16, 2007 at Sacramento Methodist Assembly, Christian Conference Center, Sacramento, NM.

With over 30 years experience in Christian Counseling and coaching people to recovery, Goin will offer a plan to change your life in 24 hours. It helps people conquer those things which have always caused discouragement and defeat. Dr. Goin said, "Don't accept defeat. Ask yourself: Are you who you want to be? Are you having difficulties in relationships? Are you struggling with addictive behavior? Are you having trouble controlling anger? Do you cycle in co-dependency and have trouble communicating?"

Goin then asks one other question. "Do you want things to be different?"

One who has benefitted from Dr. Goin's seminar series, Diana Daley, said, "The seminar totally made a difference in my life. I learned it was OK to take charge of my life. I now have tools which are helping me deal decisively and in a healthier way with relationships."

Those persons who want more information or registration information (costs or other information) can write to Dr. Ray Goin, P.O. Box 61, Sacramento, NM 88347 or for reservations you may call Sacramento Methodist Assembly at 1-800-667-3414 or 505-687-3414.

Rain and Hail

We hope some of you saw the picture we sent to Channel 13 in Albuquerque and was shown on the 10 o'clock news.. It was taken on August 9 during the rain and hail storm. - Doug and Evelyn Miller

Weed Gallery/Treasure Box

Come see the new Weed Gallery now open in the Treasure Box next to the Weed Café. Open every Saturday during the month of September from noon to 6 p.m. This is a working artist studio. Stop by & look around. The Gallery is your place for arts, crafts, and gifts created by your talented neighbors in Weed. The Gallery is also a place for classes. Water Color classes are held on Wednesday at 3 p.m. with Cyndy Nesbit, award winning water color artist. Stop by on Thursdays at 1 p.m. for Craft/Art Group where you can learn a new craft or work on your own creative projects. The only requirement is having fun.

Watercolor Classes With Cyndy Nesbit STARTING AGAIN!

When recently shown a copy of Country Magazine, one of my students remarked, "Why would you subscribe to this magazine if you weren't an artist?" And my thoughts are, "How can you live in these beautiful mountains and not want to create?" Our lovely mountain and country lives almost demand our souls to put on paper what we see every day.

Watercolor classes were started with about half a dozen students two years ago in August. Some students have stayed the whole time, some here and there, some dropped and others joined. A full circle has been made and those students are self-sufficient artists on their own now and I'm starting again with a new group of beginners. **So if you always wanted to try, wondered if you could, have lots of retirement time on your hands, love to enjoy life, make new friends, and/or create please join us.**

Classes are held on Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the gift shop next to the Weed Café. Class fee is \$20 per week with \$5 fee if you need supplies furnished. For more information call Cyndy at 687-3486 or email cnesbit@pvt.net.

Plans for September include learning to paint: aspen trees and forest, barn scene, New Mexico skies, and fall colors in the mountains.

Dark Ridge Creations

A new business called Dark Ridge Creations has come to Weed. It is run by Donna Smith who recently relocated to the area with her husband Tom. Donna creates artfully handcrafted jewelry, cards, and gifts. Donna will be offering paper quilling classes, beginning jewelry-making classes, French beaded flower classes and beginning chain maille techniques. Dark Ridge Creations will also be selling supplies such as beads and jewelry-making supplies, polymer clay and paper quilling supplies. What is paper quilling you might ask? Well paper quilling, also known as paper filigree, is the art of rolling thin strips of paper and creating a unique designs. Dark Ridge Creations is run from Donna's home, but you can find her at the Weed Gallery located in the Treasure Box next door to the Weed Café on most Thursday and Saturday afternoons. You can reach Donna at 687-2168 most any day. If not, just leave a message and she will return your call.

Keeping You Posted

- Debbie Stone

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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 10 a.m., Worship Service at 11 a.m. Bible Study/Prayer, Wednesdays at 2 p.m. A potluck luncheon is held every 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 at 10 a.m.; sermon 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.

If you have additional information you would like to include about your church, or if there are changes to the existing info, please let me know. Ed.

History of Labor Day

Labor Day is a legal holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone, and the Virgin Islands. The celebration of Labor Day, in honor of the working class, was first suggested by Peter J. McGuire, founder of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters. It was initiated in the U.S. in 1882 by the Knights of Labor who held a large parade in New York City. In 1884, the group held a parade on the first Monday of September and passed a resolution to hold all future parades on that day and to designate the day as Labor Day. In March 1887, the first state law to declare the day a legal holiday was passed in Colorado, followed by New York, Massachusetts, and New Jersey. In 1894, the U.S. Congress made the day a legal holiday. Parades and speeches by labor leaders and political figures mark Labor Day celebrations. Labor Day is celebrated in Canada on the first Monday in September. The first parades and rallies to honor workers were held in 1872 in Ottawa and Toronto, and the September date was officially recognized by Parliament in 1894.

Farmers' Almanac September Gardening

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 seedbeds 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 seedbeds.
- 18-19 Clear fence rows, woodlots 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.

Food for Thought

"Each morning when I open my eyes I say to myself: I, not events, have the power to make me happy or unhappy today. I can choose which it shall be. Yesterday is dead, tomorrow hasn't arrived yet. I have just one day, today, and I'm going to be happy in it." - Groucho Marx

A very wise man (my husband) left this message on my desk for me to see after I had a very trying day. On that day, I chose to let events have power over my feelings. Such trivial things - not worth what I let them do to me. I hope everyone takes to heart what Mr. Marx said. It makes for a much happier place in which to live. - Ed.

Also, Psalm 118:24 "This is the day the LORD has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it."

Hunting in Unit 34

...September 1-22, deer & bear, bow

...September 10-18, turkey

...September 23 - November 30, bear, any legal weapon

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The Importance of Exercise:

...Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you, at 85 years old, to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$5,000 per month.

...My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 years old, and we don't know where she is!

...The only reason I would take up exercising is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

...I jointed a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to go there.

...I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

...I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

...I have flabby thighs, but fortunately my stomach covers them.

...The advantage of exercising every day is that you die healthier.

...If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country. And last but not least,

...You could run this over to show your friends, but why not just e-mail it to them!