GO FOR IT - USASA sanctioned Slalom and Giant Slalom competition is set for Sunday, January 9. The competitive event is a regional qualifier for the 2022 Nationals for members of the Southwest Freeriders.

January 6:
Sherlock Holmes Birthday:
Elementary cake & tea?
(See page 13)

SNOW REPORT
A foot in town, more where the snowmos go!

Morton Beeheffler
January 6, 2022

Long Run
Jack Griffin holds the plaque presented by Mayor Linda Calhoun Wednesday, December 30, in honor of his 30 years of service as Red River Municipal Judge.

Outgoing Town Councilor Dan Foley, who was not present, also received a plaque of appreciation.

The ceremony saw the installation of Lon Webster as Municipal Judge, George Woerndle to his sixth term as Town Councilor and Justin Whitlock to his first term as Town Councilor.

Slopecle Too!
The Red River Ski & Summer Area has announced that the USASA sanctioned Slalom and Giant Slalom competition set for Sunday, January 9, has added a Slopestyle event for Saturday, January 8.

A current USASA membership is required for all competitors. It marks the 12th time the organization has sanctioned an event at RRSA.

The United States of America Snowboard and Freeski Association (USASA) is a grassroots organization that promotes fair and fun events for snowboarders and freeskiers, while fostering a competitive spirit.

The Southwest Freeride Series (formerly New Mexico Series) was started in 2001. It is one of 32 regional series that make up the USASA.

College Days
College Days at RRSA run through January 10. During this time lift tickets and rental equipment are discounted to anyone with a valid Student ID or proof of enrollment.

Winter Driving
Bobcat Pass was closed for about five hours on New Year’s Day due to snow and icy road conditions. New Mexico DOT also reported difficult conditions on Highway 38 from Red River to Questa. NMDOT advises caution driving in winter conditions. They recommend drivers stay behind snowplows at least 50 feet.

Forest Road Closures
The Carson National Forest will be closing numerous roads in accordance with the travel management policy for public safety and protecting the roads during winter months. These seasonal closures begin January 1 through April 30 per the Carson Motor Vehicle Use Map. Some of these seasonally closed roads will be gated, others may not. It is your responsibility to know before you go.

If weather conditions are favorable, roads may open early. If weather conditions are not favorable, roads may stay closed until they are safe, and travel will not cause damage to the road.

The East side of the Valle Vidal is a Wildlife Wintering Area and will close January 1 through March 31. During this closure, you may drive through the entire unit using Forest Road 1950, but you cannot venture from the road on the East side.

Although Forest Road 1950 will remain open in the Valle Vidal, snow often closes this road and there is not much through-access during much of the winter. This road is not maintained for winter travel and can often become treacherous. If you must travel on Forest Road 1950 please stay on the road and call the Questa Ranger District at 575-586-0520 beforehand for a condition report.

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Judycki Race Series For ‘22

The months of January and February in the New Year of 2022 will see competition return to center stage at the Red River Ski & Summer Area, as a variety of competitive events are scheduled for the slopes.

The newest addition to the heritage of ski racing at RRSA is the Drew Judycki Race Series. Established by the Red River Ski Area and Jeff Speck, skiing supporter and former sponsor of UNM NCAA events in Red River, the series consists of four events: January 22, February 5, February 12, and February 26. Friday training days will accompany each event.

The series is named after the late Drew Judycki, former owner of the RRSA and a competitive racer who won many ski titles during his 50 years of skiing New Mexico and the Southern Rocky Mountains.

According to Speck, the series was created to continue the spirit of ski racing not only in Red River but across the state of New Mexico.

According to Speck, Corporate Cup was created to support the University of New Mexico Ski Team. The Lobos team was started by George Brooks and was for club racing before it evolved into a UNM program in the ’70 with Brooks at the helm.

“When the Corporate Cup started back in the ‘80s, people skied it that had never raced before,” says Speck. “They raced Corporate Cup and found out it was fun, learning more and finding out how to go faster and faster.”

The UNM ski program was eliminated in 2019 by the UNM Board of Regents, an action which also marked the end of Corporate Cup racing.

Speck says “People just wanted to keep racing. They enjoyed the comradere, coming up to Red River and the different ski areas and racing.” Speck and the Red River Ski Area developed the Judycki series to provide the social nature of the event.

#3. I’m told that a snowbow can be seen on occasion, but I’ve never witnessed such a thing. I would love to see such an occurrence, up close and personal or from a distance.

#4. For my friends who have been without lights for a few weeks and to all those folks I have not met who are experiencing the same powerless conditions, my stomach aches and my throat is dry as I worry about the interruption of your lives.

Nature rules. We may have wonderful grids of coursing energy but Nature has no respect for the works of mankind, as witnessed by the power of wind.

The power of snow or the energy of moving water…

A topic of discussion for a later and most probably distant date ahead.

#4. A word about 2021: it’s gone. I heard it on the TV and on Facebook so it must be so.

As I gaze upon the departing hoopla, the pomp and circumstance, circumvention and circuitous good will gone awry, it would appear that 2021 has come to be regarded by many individuals in much the same grumbling manner as the daily departed year of 2020.

Remember how the departure of 2020 was met with sighs of relief, muttered obscenities and comments such as “finally” and “good riddance” not to mention loud groans of weariness?

The general consensus for many, it seems, is that 2021 stunk, almost as much as did the preceding year.

Perhaps 2021 was not quite as mentally disarming or spiritually dismaying as 2020, but it did not provide anything more than a false sense of security that the world had returned to…

Normal?
Oh, the art of self-deception!
EFXC Clean-Up & GoFundMe Underway

The Enchanted Forest and the Sangre de Cristo region recently had an unprecedented weather event: 65-115+ mph winds. We cannot fully comprehend how total the devastation is. We estimate there are at least 3,000 trees down on ski trails, and we have no idea how bad the snowshoe trails are. As for the total area, we estimate at least 25,000-30,000 trees are down. All of our yurts were hit, three yurts destroyed and the other two were damaged.

Insurance will cover some – but not all – of the cost of rebuilding the yurts. Insurance will not cover the cost of clearing trees from the trails, none of the cost of repairing trail damage, and none of the loss of business that will extend well into summer. Additionally, we have approximately $35,000 in reservation refunds to process to deserving customers. (Pre-season booking funds go toward trail and equipment maintenance and repairs, pre-season start-up, and other costs.)

With your help, the help of our generous volunteers – and help from local, state, and federal entities like the USDA Forest Service – we will be able to get through this “lost” season, pay bills (like gas, bar oil, and equipment repairs), renew insurance (such as it is) and rebuild the yurts and current trails. Your donation will be extended by the efforts of those generous volunteers.

Our hope is we will also be able to find new routes that will mitigate the loss of shade trees and wind protection. Any funds raised beyond our immediate recovery needs will be used to continue our efforts to expand our summer season programs, improve existing trails, and increase our trail system.

News Update: Mike Ritterhouse, longtime general manager, met with officials from the USDA Forest Service. Following the meeting, Mike said, “Carson National Forest East Zone Supervisory Forester, Juan Jauregui, told me that EFXC had the most extensive damage of any geographical area in his area of responsibility.

“We are part of a regional declared disaster area.” Mr. Jauregui also noted, “I will be recommending that we address this as a Salvage Sale. That would mean conducting the sale summer 2022, if possible.”

Mike has estimated “200 acres of our permit zone are 98% flattened, another 200 acres are 60% flattened.” We will desperately need help getting rid of all those trees! As Mike said, “The effort to fully clean up the area will take months. We hope to clear the ski and snowshoe trails as quickly as we can.”

We at Enchanted Forest have had multiple offers from folks wanting to volunteer, so we are planning a series of clean-up days beginning Thursday, Jan. 6 through Sunday, Jan. 9. Many folks intend to bring chainsaws but we will also need swampers (“A worker who assists fallers and/or sawyers by clearing away brush, limbs and small trees. Carries fuel, oil and tools and watches for dangerous situations.”) Email us at info@enchantedforexctc.com if you’d like to help with clean-up.

To donate go to https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-rebuild-enchanted-forest?qid=c4b7ce2b1e931224c4b4q46890095dd.

–Ellen Miller-Goins, co-owner Enchanted Forest Cross Country Ski Area
FOOD FOR THOUGHT

FROM ANN’S KITCHEN

TWO FROZEN DESSERTS

MARGARITA PIE

INGREDIENTS FOR MARGARITA PIE:

- Graham cracker pie crust
- ½ cup heavy cream, chilled
- ½ cup fresh lime juice
- Zest from the lime
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 4 Tbsp tequila
- 2 Tbsp triple sec
- ¼ tsp salt

DIRECTIONS FOR MARGARITA PIE:

Combine lime juice and sweetened, condensed milk. Add the tequila, triple sec and salt. Whip heavy cream until stiff peaks form. Fold into the condensed milk mix. Pour into crust. Top with lime zest and freeze at least 8 hours.

RASPBERRY-BANANA PIE

INGREDIENTS FOR RASPBERRY-BANANA PIE:

- 1 graham cracker crust
- 1 pkg raspberry Jell-O
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream, slightly softened
- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 bananas, sliced into rounds
- ¼ cup pecans or walnuts, chopped and toasted
- Zest from the lime
- ¾ cup heavy cream, chilled
- 4Tbsp tequila
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- ¼ tsp salt

DIRECTIONS FOR RASPBERRY-BANANA PIE:

Dissolve Jell-O in 1 cup boiling water. Dissolve unflavored gelatin in 2 Tbsp cold water. When both are completely dissolved, stir together. Allow to cool, but do not allow to set at all. Stir into the quart of softened vanilla ice cream. Stir in the crushed pineapple, well drained. Stir in nuts and scrape into pie crust. Freeze at least 8 hours and top with sliced bananas.

NOTES: You can use sugar-free Jell-O. Although this recipe calls for a graham cracker pie crust, it can be packed into a loaf pan, sliced for serving and topped with a dollop of whipped cream and a sprig of mint!

Questions or comments? Contact me at ann.huskinson1@gmail.com.

By Alyce Lindberg Densow

“You do not become good by trying to be good, but by finding the goodness that is already within you, and allowing that goodness to emerge.” – Eckhart Tolle, author of A New Earth, Awakening to Your Life’s Purpose

“If you think nobody cares if you’re alive, try missing two car payments.” – Dave Barry

“It may be that your sole purpose in life is to serve as a warning to others.” – Someone (If that’s your purpose, then do it to the very best of your ability.)

“Be faithful to your spouse – play around with your salad.” – Paul Newman, of Newman’s Own All-Natural Salad Dressings and other good things (Yes! THAT Paul Newman, the one, the only.)

Martha Beck, in an Oprah magazine, tells the story of an elderly monk, who, after spending a lifetime of hand-copying ancient texts, becomes abbot of his monastery. He decides to examine some of the monastery’s original documents after thinking about the centuries his order has been making copies of copies. Days later, the other monks find him in the cellar, weeping over a crumbling manuscript and moaning, “It says ‘celebrate,’ NOT ‘celibate!’”

Maybe you haven’t spent a lifetime, like that poor old monk, living a life you didn’t want because of a flaw in the copy. But it’s mighty easy to live a life someone else crafts for you because you don’t want to disappoint them, or because you’re too weak to oppose them, or because it’s easier to take the road of least resistance, or because you’re afraid of being disinherited. Or – Whatever.

I believe that the world is full of people who will go their whole lives and not actually live one full day. (I never intended to be one of them.)

I believe that just when you think you know love, something little comes along to remind you just how big it really is.

I believe the most difficult years of marriage are those following the wedding.

I believe that wherever a beautiful soul has been there is a trail of beautiful memories.

I believe that my life has been blessed with beautiful souls and that I will meet many more if I remember to keep my mind and heart open.

I believe that the quality of our lives is determined by our relationships.

I believe you should answer your calling, allow miracles, rewrite your script, cherish the journey, trust the process, stand in integrity, and let abundance flow.

I believe that hot chocolate should be served with real whipped cream, bathtubs were built for bubbles, wine tastes better with friends, that flipflops go with everything, glasses should be half-full...

And that it is our absolute responsibility to teach Peace and send Love.

I believe a great many things can be resolved with kindness, even more with laughter, but there are some things that absolutely require CHOCOLATE.

I believe you’ll get better and faster results if you Ask, instead of Command.

I believe that the Boomer Generation has made a difference and hasn’t given up trying, although they may be getting tired.

I believe that married people should never wallpaper together.

I believe that married people should not have to share a bathroom. Sharing the rest of the house is hard enough.

I believe that love is a mystery and marriage is the biggest mystery of all.

I believe that I would rather read a mystery than be in one.

I believe that whatever makes a person charming should remain a mystery.

I believe that the secret of life is enjoying the passage of time.

I believe that time passes much too quickly, and somebody ought to do something about it.

I believe that if you act confident and enthusiastic people will believe you are confident and enthusiastic.

I believe that a diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman’s birthday but never remembers her age.

I believe that if you tell your sister, who is five years younger than you are, that you are going to start subtracting, rather than adding, a year to each birthday, she should go along with it and do the same. Especially when you look and act younger than your sister.

I believe that age doesn’t always bring wisdom. Sometimes age comes first. Oh, boy, do I believe that!

I believe that you ought to try to learn from the mistakes of others. You cannot live long enough to make them all by yourself. (Unless they’re those fun kind of mistakes you’d just as soon keep on making.)

I believe that given a cape and a tiara, I could save the world – or maybe, at least, Red River.

I believe I’m done believing for now.

(“The Best of Alyce” from the archives)
THIS WEEK IN RED RIVER

Schedule of Events 1/6 thru 1/9

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6

9am-4pm  Red River Ski & Summer Area Open
10am-11am Chair Yoga/Balance/Strength – Red River Community House
6pm-9pm  Music by Mike Addington – Lost Love Saloon

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7

9am-4pm  Red River Ski & Summer Area Open
6pm-9pm  Live Music: Mike Addington – Lost Love Saloon
8pm Live  Ry Taylor & the Side Trips – Bull O’ The Woods Saloon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8

9am-4pm  Red River Ski & Summer Area Open
TBA      Slopestyle - Red River Ski & Summer Area
6pm-9pm  Mike Addington – Lost Love Saloon
7pm      Torchlight Parade - Red River Ski & Summer Area
8pm      Katy P & the Business – Bull O’The Woods Saloon

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

8:15am   Worship Service – First Baptist Church of Red River
10:30am  Worship Service – First Baptist Church of Red River
10:30am  Worship Service – Faith Mountain Fellowship Church
6pm-9pm  Music by Mike Addington - Lost Love Saloon

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“And that’s another thing,” Herb said, with finality. “Changing that dang year on everything we write, every January. Goes against human nature.”

“Well I might just have an answer to your problem, Herb,” said Doc, sipping and dunking and stirring. “Why don’t we, here at the philosophy counter, pick out a year we like and stick with it? Date everything we do with that year. It might start a movement, you never know.”

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“I was thinking of 19 and 87 myself,” said Steve. “Won the team roping that year. Got it on my belt buckle.”

“There you go. You got the right idea, Pard. Herb, how about you?”

“Dog died. In ’87, I mean. Just woke up one morning and there she was, dead. I couldn’t do ’87.”

“Sorry, Herb. Dud?”

“Haven’t got to that year yet, Doc,” Dud said. “It’ll be the year I finish that darn book.”

We all nodded.

“If that there favor-ite year comes in the bowels of the chicken yard, like it says in the Farmer’s Almanac, that’d be good, doncha think?”

Doc nodded. “And which year would that be, Windy?”

“Ain’t sure. Don’t have no Farmer’s Almanac at the moment.”

“Let’s get some more coffee and give it some thought,” said Herb.

“I’ll second that,” said Windy. “Ain’t been firsted yet.”

Brought to you by the genuine cowboy music and musings of Steve Cormier up in New Mexico’s Sandia Mountains. Check him out at stevecormier.net.
New Women of the Old West
Winifred Gallagher

A riveting history of the American West told for the first time through the pioneering women who used the challenges of migration and settlement as opportunities to advocate for their rights, and transformed the country in the process.

Between 1840 and 1910, hundreds of thousands of men and women traveled deep into the underdeveloped American West, lured by the prospect of adventure and opportunity, and galvanized by the spirit of Manifest Destiny. Alongside this rapid expansion of the United States, a second, overlapping social shift was taking place: survival in a settler society busy building itself from scratch required two equally hardworking partners, compelling women to compromise eastern sensibilities and take on some of the same responsibilities as their husbands. At a time when women had very few legal or economic – much less political – rights, these women soon proved they were just as essential to the West as men to westward expansion.

In New Women of the Old West, Winifred Gallagher brings to life the riveting history of the little-known women – the White, Black, and Asian settlers, and the Native Americans and Hispanics they displaced – who played monumental roles in one of America’s most transformative periods. Like western history in general, the record of women’s crucial place at the intersection of settlement and suffrage has long been overlooked. Drawing on an extraordinary collection of research, Gallagher weaves together the striking legacy of the persistent individuals who not only created homes on weather-wrecked prairies and built communities in muddy mining camps, but also played a vital, unrecognized role in the women’s rights movement and forever redefined the “American woman.”

A bold, provocative history of our species finds the roots of civilization’s success and failure in our evolutionary biology.

We are living through the most prosperous age in all of human history, yet people are more listless, divided and miserable than ever. Wealth and comfort are unparalleled, and yet our political landscape grows ever more toxic, and rates of suicide, loneliness, and chronic illness continue to skyrocket. How do we explain the gap between these two truths? What’s more, what can we do to close it?

For evolutionary biologists Heather Heying and Bret Weinstein, the cause of our woes is clear: the modern world is out of sync with our ancient brains and bodies. We evolved to live in clans, but today most people don’t even know their neighbors’ names. Survival in our earliest societies depended on leveraging the advantages of our sex differences, but today even the concept of biological sex is increasingly dismissed as offensive. The cognitive dissonance spawned by trying to live in a society we’re not built for is killing us.

In this book, Heying and Weinstein cut through the politically fraught discourse surrounding issues like sex, gender, diet, parenting, sleep, education, and more to outline a provocative, science-based worldview that will empower you to live a better, wiser life. They distill more than 20 years of research and first-hand accounts from the most biodiverse ecosystems on Earth into straight-forward principles and guidance for confronting our culture of hyper-novelties.

Synopsis courtesy amazon.com

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

Screen funnyman W.C. Fields had an aversion to performing with children. This condition may have originated during his early movie career, especially the movie Frosty the Snow Schmo in which children cover Fields with real snow, freezing his nose.
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