LOOKIN’ GOOD? LOOKIN’ GREAT! – Visitors to the Red River Ski & Summer Area will be greeted by a new sign and map to make their adventure fun and exciting!

Pre-Halloween Inquiry:
Do witches use their brooms To sweep fallen leaves?

(See Page 13)

ASPENQUAKE REPORT
It has been amazing.
Morton Becheffler
Let It Snow

The snowmakers for the Red River Ski & Summer Area will be in town this week, making preparation to be sure there will be plenty to ski on at RRSA.

Vote In Red River

The Town of Red River will have voting here at the Conference Center on Election Day, November 3, 2020. We will not have early voting in Red River. If you would like to vote early, Questa will have early voting at the Questa Municipal Hall, 2500 Old State Road 3, Questa, from October 17-31, Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 6pm.

That’s The Spirit

The Red River Brewing Company partnered with the Red River Parks & Recreation committee last week to install a new disk golf basket for the course in Mallette Park. The basket was a replacement for the one that “disappeared” this summer.

Library News

Due to the changes to the public health order and state COVID safety recommendations, the public use computers at the Red River Public Library will be closed until further notice.

The library will remain open for library cardholders to check out materials. Visits will be limited to 30 minutes and maximum building occupancy limited to ten.

Prescribed Burn

Beginning October 20, the Bureau of Land Management will be conducting a 1,750-acre prescribed burn in the Río Grande del Norte National Monument on Cerro Montoso, located 12 miles northeast of Tres Piedras, N.M.

Smoke from the burn may be visible to surrounding communities, including U.S. Highways 285 and 64. People who are especially susceptible to or affected by COVID-19 may have health conditions that also make them vulnerable to wildfire smoke exposure.

Hunters are reminded to use caution by reducing speed and watching for fire personnel and equipment. Hunters should stay out of the burn area until ignition operations are complete. The public should refrain from camping within the burn unit during this time.

For further info contact BLM Taos Field Office Fire Mgmt. Officer Kyle Sahd at (575) 770-1617.

Brad

Red River’s Braden Black, 40, passed away unexpectedly on October 12, 2020.

Born in Wyoming and raised in Arizona, he attended Arizona State University in Tempe where he played soccer and studied Communication and Theatre Arts.

He put himself through school tending bar, and his first job after arriving in Red River was at The Lift House... tending bar. He was employed at the Lift House when the Covid 19 shutdown occurred.

He liked to fly fish and was an avid reader and a frequent patron of the Red River Public Library.

As of press time, the Miner has no information concerning services or memorials.

Thanks, Kerry

The Town of Red River hosted a retirement reception for Kerry Ellinger on Tuesday, October 13, at the Red River Conference Center.

In order to comply with the current public health order only ten people at time were allowed in the exhibit hall, so the reception became an “come and go” event.

Kerry served the people of Red River for over 22 years in a variety of capacities. Her Town Hall flowers and hanging baskets brightened up the summers in Red River.

That’s Wild

Want to see what the neighbors are doing in the high country around Red River? Check out Red River Wildlife TV on YouTube for a fascinating look at nature.
from the Governor

October 16, 2020 - The state of New Mexico’s amended emergency public health order came into effect Friday after successive days of record-breaking daily COVID-19 infection rates. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and state health officials earlier in the week announced the tightened restrictions in order to stem the alarming rising tide of the virus statewide.

The governor reiterated her stark warning that the state’s dramatically and rapidly worsening public health conditions will, if unabated, compel significant additional restrictions on day-to-day activities for all New Mexicans in order to preserve lives and protect the state’s fragile health care capacity.

“This is the most severe emergency New Mexico has ever faced,” said Gov. Lujan Grisham. “If New Mexico’s COVID-19 spread continues to spiral out of control, our state hospital and health care infrastructure will not be able to support the unprecedented health care needs of sick and dying New Mexicans. I cannot be more clear: The moment to turn the tide has to be right now, immediately, or else we face accelerating significant illnesses and needless deaths for hundreds of New Mexicans. The state will be forced to hunker back down. The health and economic consequences caused by the continued out-of-control spread of the virus will be devastating.

“Please stay home. If you must go out, wear a mask. If you must go out, do not congregate in a group. Avoid indoor activities where the virus spreads more easily. Please, do not wait for COVID-19 to take a loved one of yours to take this virus seriously. We all have a role to play in protecting our state, in saving New Mexican lives. We will overcome this together. But, again, now is the moment.”

The state’s amended emergency public health order will be in effect until Nov. 13, 2020. If public health conditions continue to rapidly worsen, the governor and state health officials will tighten restrictions and issue amended public health guidelines and restrictions before Nov. 13.

The following amendments to the public health order are now in effect:

**TEMPORARY CLOSING TIME** Any food or drink establishment in New Mexico serving alcohol must close at 10:00 p.m. each night. The governor’s Economic Recovery Council, which has advised her administration on re-opening strategies to strengthen and sustain the state’s workforce and economy through this crisis, made the recommendation for this mandatory closing time.

Other states have enacted similar closing times for places of business selling alcohol in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in those establishments. The state, which issues liquor and restaurant licenses to food and drink establishments, will rigorously enforce this requirement.

**HOTEL OCCUPANCY** Maximum occupancy restrictions have been reduced to 60 percent for places of lodging that have completed the N.M. Safe Certified training program and to 25 percent for places of lodging that have not completed the training program – a reduction of maximum occupancy from 75 percent and 50 percent, respectively.

**QUARANTINE** The governor’s executive order has been amended to require a period of mandatory self-quarantine for individuals arriving into New Mexico from out of state. Individuals arriving from “higher-risk states,” or those with a test positivity rate exceeding 5 percent and a test positivity rate higher than 80 per 100,000 residents, are no longer exempt from the period of mandatory self-quarantine if they test negative for COVID-19 within 72 hours of their arrival into New Mexico. All individuals arriving from those higher-risk states – a list of which is updated each Wednesday at cv.nmhealth.org/travel-recommendations – must self-quarantine for a period of no less than 14 days or for the duration of their stay in New Mexico, whichever is shorter.

**MASS GATHERINGS** Mass gatherings of more than 5 individuals are once again prohibited. Previously the state had allowed gatherings of more than 10 individuals. A “mass gathering” is defined as any public or private gathering, organized event, ceremony, parade, organized amateur contact sport, or other grouping that brings together individuals in an indoor or outdoor space.
Our Red River Promise is simple. We are still Red River Ski & Summer Area and we will prevail. For over 60 years we have remained an independent, family-owned resort. Our lineage and history runs deep in our soul. We are proud of our roots and thankful for the growth those roots have provided us. We remain committed to the generations of guests that return each year and the passionate locals that call our special town home. Now, more than ever, there is no room for ‘I’ here. Guests, community, and staff have all made Red River what it is today. It will take all of us to overcome the challenges ahead. The most important takeaway going into this season is that we are grateful for everyone in our Red River family, thank you for your continued support.

We all have a responsibility this ski season. Expect changes and respect any new requirements that allow us to open and stay open. These changes are a necessity for the safety of our guests, community, and staff. Our senior leadership team has worked diligently with Ski New Mexico and the State of New Mexico to develop the most effective COVID-safe practices for the ski season. We are appreciative of the work that has been completed by all entities involved to ensure we can ski and snowboard.

We are confident we can start to provide answers and outline initial expectations for the upcoming winter season. More detailed information and pricing is outlined or has been updated throughout on our website at www.redriverskiarea.com/winter/20-21-winter-season.

From a safe distance, we look forward to welcoming you back to the slopes and to the Red River family. Stay safe, be kindhearted, and keep thinking snow!

Best regards,

Linton Judycki
President & General Manager
EGGS IN POTATO NESTS

I like this recipe because it’s easy, pretty, tastes good and is versatile. You can add bacon or ham, cheeses, salsa… whatever you like. Shhh… and it looks like you worked hard!!! This is the basic recipe so use your imagination to make it your own!

INGREDIENTS to serve six:
- 3-4 russet potatoes
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Butter flavored spray
- 12 eggs

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Wash, oil and prick skins of potatoes. Bake about 45 minutes… depends on size of potato. Cool, peel and grate. Season with salt and pepper. Spray the wells of a 12-hole muffin tin thoroughly. Scoop 3-4 Tbsp potatoes into each hole and press well on to bottom and sides to make nests.** Spray nests. Bake at 350 degrees 15 to 20 minutes… watch closely to make sure they don’t burn. Remove from oven and crack an egg into each nest. Sprinkle with salt and pepper to taste. ** Bake about 15 minutes or more depending on how well cooked you want the yolk. Use a knife, fork or spoon to help remove from the muffin tin to the plates. I think two forks work best.

NOTE: At the ** is where you can play with it…a little bacon or ham at the bottom of the nest… a little cheese on top of the yolk before you finish baking… a little salsa served along side or topped on each.

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

Alyce Lindberg Densow

“This little book is a charmer.” – People

“Within a day of receiving this book, I had consumed it … Absorbing, moving and compulsively readable.” – Lydia Davis

“A passionate case against high-yield farming and in favor of a personalized approach.” – The New Yorker

In all my years of writing this column for the Red River Miner, I never thought I would write anything about The Secret Life of Cows. I, frankly, did not know that cows had a secret life. Well … Did you? I mean, come on for Pete’s sake, I was raised on a farm with COWS. Cows ate grass and came to the barn to get milked. They gave birth to a calf now and then. They mooed. They kicked over the milk pail now and then. They hunted you with their big old heads. It hurt.

I write because it gives me great pleasure. Also because it’s the only thing I ever wanted to do. In reality, I suppose I am addicted to writing, to this inner urge to create and communicate. Writing about cows and their inner life was never on my agenda.

Then that friend and buddy of mine, Autry Johnson of Tulsa (whose sister named him Autry for Gene Autry, her hero, when her little brother was born), sends me this book, The Secret Life of Cows, by Rosamund Young of Kite’s Nest Farm in Worcestershire, England (are all English a little fay? Maybe it’s all that dampness), and here I am, a perfectly sane Swedish-American (and you know how down-to-earth Swedes we are), bringing to you this story about COWs and their inner psyche. I know – I don’t believe it either.

Cows love each other … at least some do. Cows nurse grudges. Cows invent games. Cows can communicate with people. Cows solve problems. Cows make friends for life. Cows have food preferences. Cows can be unpredictable. Cows can be good company, boring, intelligent, love music, be gentle, be aggressive, be dependable, be forgiving, be obstinate, be wise.

So says Rosamund Young, who has been running her organic farm over there in England for years with her brother, a companion and some helpers. Her parents bought it in 1953 and built up a herd of pedigree Ayrshires when Rosamund was a baby. She also inherited Wessex Saddleback pigs, chickens, sheep and tons of rabbits running wild and looting her crops. (She says much the same things about the pigs, chickens, sheep, too.)

“During a lifetime observing cattle I have witnessed amazing examples of logical, practical intelligence and some cases of outright stupidity, both of which qualities I have also remarked in respect of human beings,” she says.

Making animals happy and letting them roam freely, able to pick their own vegetation… and treat their own ills… is the only way to farm, she feels. I certainly agree with her. Who wants eggs from a hen which has been shut into a little cage where she cannot run and scratch for feed and take dust baths and flutter her feathers and “sing” and cluck to her chicks as she teaches them how to live? Who wants to eat chicken and beef and pork from animals crammed into small quarters and fed antibiotics and growth hormones?

Did you know that a cow which doesn’t feel well will find a growth of nettles and eat till she is better? She knows what she needs.

She also has noted that all animals need plenty of clean, clear water and a good place to bed down, plenty of space to do what they are meant to be doing, good and natural food, and you have the happiest animal in the world. Kite’s Nest Farm has been under observance by researchers and experts for 40 years. All the animals have names and Rosamund knows every one!

Appropriate food is the beginning and ending of health, says Rosamund. “It seems, from all observations we have made, it is likely that allergies are caused not by certain foods, but by the way these foods are produced and what treatment the plants and animals from which they derive have received.”

By the time I had read through this book once I was enthralled. You cannot imagine how much pure and good logic I had taken in. I remembered how our animals thrived by running all over our farmland when I was a child on Grandfather’s farm. I remembered hens scratching, giving themselves dust baths, spreading wings to the sun. I remembered how cows “talked” to their calves, sometimes rubbed noses in affection to each other. And how pigs’ tails were curly when happy and straight when they were not. (Did you know pigs don’t like drafts and will choose the best, most organic food if given a chance?)

Living way up here in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, miles from Nowhere, I am always delighted with the books Autry finds for me. I’m dedicating this column to Autry Johnson, who deserves it for making me much better informed about the ways and wiles of domestic animals. Penguin Books, Random House LLC, paperback, $16 U.S. Priceless! Your kids will love it!!

Till Next Time
WORSHIP SERVICES

Cross Christian Fellowship Standing in the Gap
The Way Coffee - 201 W. Main St
Non-Denominational Church
Sundays 10 am
Pastor Chris Torres - 505-600-5859

Faith Mountain Fellowship Church
Corner of River St. & Copper King Trail
Tuesday – children’s church at 6:00 pm
Wednesday – youth classes 7:00 pm
Sunday services – 10:30 am.
Pastor Ed Hampton - 754-6653

First Baptist Church of Red River
103 High Cost Trail
Sunday Worship Service
10:30 am
Pastor: Joe Phillips - 754-2882

St. Edwin’s Catholic Church
North End of Silver Bell Trail
Sunday Obligation Mass
Saturday 6 pm
Rev. Andrew Ifele - 586-0470

Fellowship of the Parks
One mile north of stoplight in Questa
Worship - 11 am - Pastor - Shon Diaz

Questa Church of Christ
Two miles north of stoplight on 522
Worship Services - 10:15 am

St. Mel’s Catholic Church
200 N. Willow Creek Dr., Eagle Nest
Sunday Obligation Mass on Saturday 4:00 pm

LIBRARY HOURS
Tuesday: 9:30-5:00 (Lunch: 12:00-1:00)
Wednesday: 9:30-5:00 (Lunch: 12:00-1:00)
Thursday: 4:00-8:00
Friday: 9:30-5:00 (Lunch: 12:00-1:00)
Saturday: 9:30-5:00 (Lunch: 12:00-1:00)
Sunday: Closed
Monday: Closed
• Mask required for entry
• 30 min. appointment on computers
• Occupancy limited to 12 patrons
• No restrooms available

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Dynamic Duo Cathleen Muse and Lauren Judycki invited everyone to enjoy family fun at the Red River Ski Area during the 2002 Winterfest held in Albuquerque last weekend. The Ski Area was one of ten exhibitors who represented Red River at the annual show.