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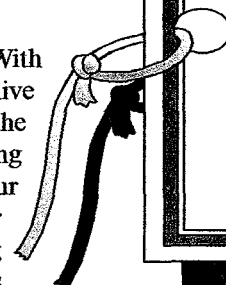
By Chief Dean Barnella

Dial 9-1-1 in case of an emergency! The Mt. Lemmon Fire District is happy to announce that we will be dispatched through an outside agency by the end of 2001. Many of us have been dependent on the 576-1201 phone number for all emergencies, but the firefighters will now be able to enjoy the freedom of leaving the station for training and area orientation with **Drexel Heights Fire District** now answering our emergency phone lines and dispatching calls to us via radio and paging systems. **The 576-1201 phone number will still be your source for any non-emergency and public assist call or questions, but please remember that in an emergency the best way to call us is 9-1-1.**

Speaking of emergency, the Mt. Lemmon Fire District will be hosting an EMT (Emergency Medical Technician) class beginning in **February 2002**. The class will be held each Friday from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Anyone interested in participating in this program, please contact DeAnna at 576-1201.

The Mt. Lemmon Fire District is happy to announce the return of **Michael Stanley** back to the department as a volunteer. With this, Michael coordinated a water operation class on October 19th. What timing for both water and fire departments working together again. On Monday, December 3rd we had a fire at the Loma Linda Tanks break out estimated over a ½ acre. Thank you again, **Water CoOp, Forest Service**, good Samaritans, residents like **Bill Richardson** and our **Mt. Lemmon Fire** staff for preserving 4 cabins and the water tanks that were in danger.

Oh Christmas Tree! Oh Christmas Tree! With the season upon us, safety is a concern. With live Christmas trees, please remember to keep the water reservoir full, place them away from heating sources, and use low wattage lights to keep your tree from drying out too soon. Never leave your Christmas lights and/or candles burning unattended. Enjoy the season, Happy Holidays and a Joyous New Year!



Highway Hotline

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School Days

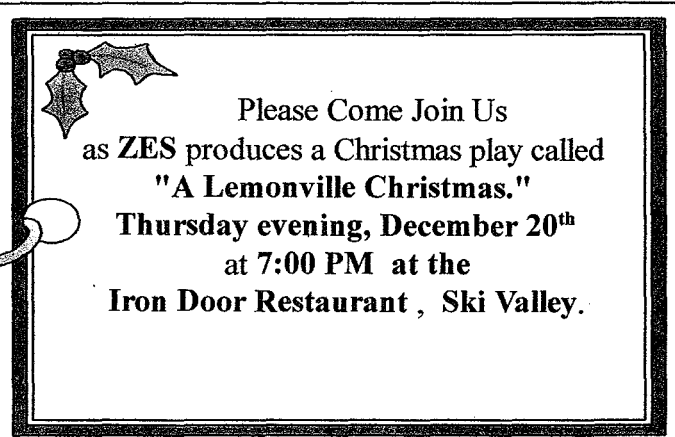
by Suzanne Hensel, teacher

It's hard to believe that Christmas is just around the corner and that the students of **Zimmerman School** are already working hard on this year's Christmas play, but it's true.

It has been a great semester! We started out the year with the usual warm, beautiful, outdoor type weather. We took advantage of the weather by studying the energy around us. We began with the plants and then branched up into the trees. We were even lucky enough to have a couple of visitors come from the dendrochronology department of the U of A. They brought some wonderful samples of tree rings and they

discussed what makes the Catalinas a great place for discovering the "stories" of the trees. The students were able to take some core samples of the trees in the playground.

We discovered that our playground had been cleared about 80 years ago since all the big trees are about that old. The

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dendrochronologists also discussed how tree dating is used to date the ruins from previous cultures such as the Anasazi. This connected us to our studies about cultures. The students studied the many Native American tribes of Arizona. An archeologist from the Forest Service came up to show the students some artifacts and talked about the science of studying ancient cultures. This unit was topped off with a trip to the Arizona State Museum..

As a connection back to the energy theme the students explored how electricity is produced. This made for some very enlightening experiments in the classroom. As a climax to this unit we were able to tour the Apache Power Plant near Wilcox. We were able to see the many impressive pieces of equipment that are used to generate power. This is the same power plant that supplies our mountain with electricity. After visiting the power plant we went to the **Copper Queen Mine in Bisbee**. After all, copper was made valuable by the demand for electricity. The students and the parents that attended had an experience they won't soon forget. In order to travel this distance we had to rent a bus and driver. **Thanks to the tax money that you, the homeowners, have donated to Zimmerman, we were able to afford this great trip and travel in style!**

In addition to energy and Native Americans we have also begun to learn about the ways mountains are formed. Of course we have a great example of this right under our feet, the Catalinas. The expert on how the Catalinas were formed and what minerals run through the rocks and boulders, is **Eric Force**. Eric graciously came to the school on a beautiful afternoon and took us to some wonderful examples of feldspar, quartz and garnet. We have much to learn about the Catalinas. Eric promised to come again when we have learned a little more and when the weather is a little warmer.

Another highlight was our community treasure hunt. Thanks to some creative clues and some wonderful volunteers the students were able to learn a little about the history of Summerhaven while on an exciting adventure. They traveled all over the village gathering knowledge and treasures. Many thanks to the **M.L.C.E.C.s** for their help in organizing the helpers and gathering the treasures. In particular we would like to thank **Patti Thomas, Michael Stanley, Donna Roll, Judy Epstein, Judy Connolly, Don Underhill, Dani Hayhurst. Fran Zimmerman, B.J. Singh, and Tanna Montano.**

The students of **Zimmerman School** are truly a wonderful group of kids. They are, in turn, blessed with a community

that truly cares about them. Because of this they would like to entertain all of you at our Christmas play called "**A Lemonville Christmas.**" It is scheduled for **Thursday evening, December 20th at 7:00PM at the Iron Door Restaurant - Ski Valley.** Please come and get the full effect of a small community school production.

The Water Line News

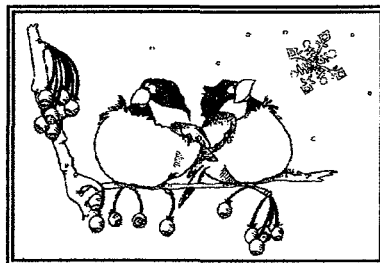
by **Chuck Autrey**

I know this sounds like a broke record but "we need precipitation on the mountain". Spring water flows are slowing and without some precipitation it's getting tougher and tougher to keep all the tanks filled. When you leave your cabin for any extended period of time be sure and turn the water off at the meter. One person recently left their cabin, had a toilet valve fail to set, didn't turn off the water at the meter and now gets to pay for 60,000 gallons of water. We love to sell water but when it's in short supply we'd rather not.

During the year your water co-op completed several projects. The new 212,000 gallon tank in Sabino Canyon is in operation in spite of the spotted owl delays. A well was drilled and completed in town just south of the Alpine and it's working fine. We hope to have it tested, certified and in service by spring. Several new fire plugs were installed and numerous infrastructure improvement were completed.

Your co-op also applied to the state corporation commission for the rate increase that was approved at the annual meeting. It is also working on a low interest rate loan from WIFA to continue further infrastructure improvements. The loan will be paid for with the funds generated by the rate increase. We have also started the preliminary work on changing from a water cooperative to a water improvement district. The work still in the beginning stages and I'll be keeping you updated as we move into the new year.

On behalf of everyone at the water cooperative I sincerely hope that each and everyone of you have a safe and happy holiday season and a new year filled with well being, peace and prosperity.



Community Doings

By **Bob Zimmerman**

It used to be that coming to Mount Lemmon in the fall was for the expressed purpose of witnessing the changing of colors of leaves. However, a new activity has sprung up with a growing following—the changing of the roadside signs in Carter Canyon. It is akin to the changing of the guards at Buckingham.

First, they are up and then they are down. One never knows what to expect. Pima County has worn out three trucks hauling signs up and down. There is talk, among some county officials, of making the signs capable of being raised and lowered by remote control. To cut down on complaints

about the existence or non-existence of the no parking signs, the plan entails issuing remote controls to each cabin owner so that the position of the signs will be decided at any given moment by popular vote. Then we could witness the perpetual raising and falling of yellow no parking signs. It could be quite breathtaking and prove to be a great attraction to Carter Canyon. I don't know how we ever got along without all these signs for the past 50 years.

The production of gravel for the dam, I am afraid, has delayed the road project. It is being stock piled and soon to be delivered by air to the dam site. The Aero Club is renting a few B17's that will be used to drop the gravel on site. One problem has arisen as the noise of the gravel hitting ground sexually excites the male alligators. It may not be safe to venture outside during the drops - unless, of course, it is your thing.

Mt Lemmon Past Remembered :

Buster Bailey Buster Bailey was my mentor during the late 40's and early 50's. He was a crusty old curmudgeon - forgive the redundancy. He was raised on a ranch near where Catalina is now. The famous **Steam Pump Ranch** was nearby. He was a hellion as a young man according to enthralling stories told this youngling when I visited his cabin near the sawmill.

The Shoot Out: One story was about his activities during prohibition. Buster would sell horsemeat in Tucson to raise a little Saturday night drinking money. He hauled the meat in the trunk of a Chevy sedan in which he had drilled holes to let the blood drain. One particular night, he and a compadre got "three sheets to the wind" or "poco barracho" courtesy of a few Meyers Street honkytonks. With Buster's friend driving - Buster was in no condition to drive - Buster decided to test his six-shooter. He remembered seeing his bullets ricochet off the Southern Arizona Bank on Broadway and Stone. As they sped north, now under hot pursuit by a local squad car, Buster attempted to put out as many streetlights as possible. He claimed a certain degree of success despite his fuzzy vision. More amazing, somehow, they managed to elude their pursuer.

Buster often spoke bitterly about a several topics from his early days. One was an alleged implication in the kidnaping of Carlos Robles young daughter. I believe she was found hidden under some boards in the vicinity of where Wilmot and Broadway now cross. He claimed he had nothing to do with the caper. Another topic was a failed marriage to a Margaret. He never talked about it much, but 30 years later, he was still quite angry.

The Bum Gut. Another lament arose from another money raising activity - rum running. In the days Arizona was

dry, Buster took to smuggling booze across the border. To be able to attest to the quality of his product, Buster found it necessary to sample his wares regularly. The poor quality of the "rot gut," he claimed, was his undoing, or at least, his stomach's undoing. Buster often told me that prohibition ruined his stomach. The Jack Daniels he drank with regularity during my acquaintance was necessary to cure his ailing stomach.

When WWII came along, Buster volunteered into the army as a mechanic. He served in the Pacific Theater. In the late forties, he found his way to Mt. Lemmon and worked for my father, **Tony Zimmerman**, taking care of his horses and vehicles. With Buster, Tony's logging equipment progressed from a mule named Rhoda, to two Clydesdales named Charley and Redbud to a succession of WWII army surplus "six by six's" an amazing three axle, automatic all wheel drive 2 1/2 ton vehicle.

More Buster to come in a later issue of the Echoes.

**The nice thing about living in this town :
When I don't know what I'm doing,
someone else does.**

MORE COMMUNITY DOINGS ..

mark your
calendars

Alpine Lodge

New Years Eve Weekend Dinner Specials

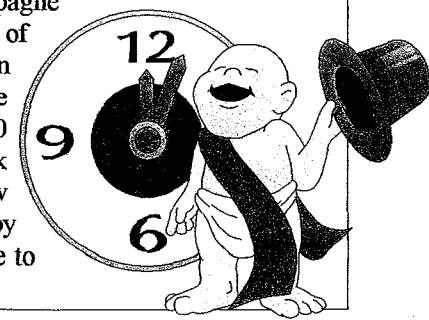
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with entertainment in the bar that Saturday and Sunday by Scott Jeffer.

New Years Eve Festivities include Prime Rib , Grilled Trout, or Chicken Marsala dinners served at 2 cabaret seatings - 5:30PM and 7:30 PM. Reservations required.

At the Alpine, The Spirit of 2001/2002 with a RED WHITE & BLUE patriotic theme will prevail.

You're invited to a New Years Eve

Party beginning at 9PM New Years Eve til 1 AM New Years Day. Complimentary champagne served at midnight. A Bottle of champagne may be reserved in advance for \$10 each. Entry fee for New Years Eve Party is \$10 per person or bring a pot luck dish to share. Last Year's New Years Eve Party was enjoyed by many in the community - hope to see you there!



The Alpine will be closed Christmas Day.

GAME NIGHTS at the Alpine will begin on or about Friday, January 18th, 2002 and continuing each Friday through April. We will be featuring a winter game night in the bar from 8 PM to 11 PM. Admission is free but bring your favorite card or board game to enjoy with your mountain friends. The Restaurant at the Alpine will be serving dinner items and a special each Friday and Saturday through the winter season from 5PM to 8PM.

The Alpine Ice Cream Shoppe

During the winter months the shoppe will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays from 11AM to 5PM. The menu will feature 5 varieties of ice cream cones, shakes and sundaes, corn dogs, individual pizzas, giant

pretzels, and nachos along with a selection of gourmet coffees, cappuccinos and hot chocolate.

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley

Mt. Lemmon Ski Valley is patiently waiting for snow. Actually we are all really busy. We have all-new rentals - skis, boots, snowboards and snowboard boots. Everything looks great and we'll be ready as the snow starts to accumulate!

In the meantime, Ski Valley is open for skyrides (wear

your sweatshirts and parkas).

The Fudge shop is open and we have great Christmas gifts in the Motherlode- fleeces, jackets and pants as well as a great supply and incredible selection of gloves and hats- all the basics for the cold outdoors. The Iron Door continues to offer breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 11:00 with a free skyride included until we start skiing.

The chili and fresh cornbread is still tops. We are closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. Come see us! - **Jay Davies**

Mt Lemmon General Store and Gift Shop

According to **Phil Mack** the Mt Lemmon General Store will close on Monday, November 26 at 6:00 PM and re-open on Wednesday, December 12 at 10:00 AM. Beginning December 12, 2001 business hours will be 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM 7 days a week. Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Summerhaven Coffee House

..... And from to **Jim Bredice**:

2001 Holiday Hours of Operation are as follows:

Closed Dec 4 thru Dec 20, opening Dec 21 at 9:00 AM Christmas Eve Hours 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Closed

Christmas Day and New Years Day.

Not all the businesses got information to the Echoes regarding their winter activities, but please patronize all the businesses on Mt Lemmon - they help make us a viable community.

Why you should Shop Mt Lemmon - Overheard at the mall
... I am having an out-of-money experience



Mt. Lemmon Woman's Club Christmas Brunch

by **Luann Waldron**

Our Christmas Brunch will be held on Saturday, 10:30 AM, December 8th at the home of Franny Crowe. If you did not receive a prior notice and wish to attend please RSVP to **Franny Crowe** at 299-9657 or **Fran Zimmerman** at 576-1333.

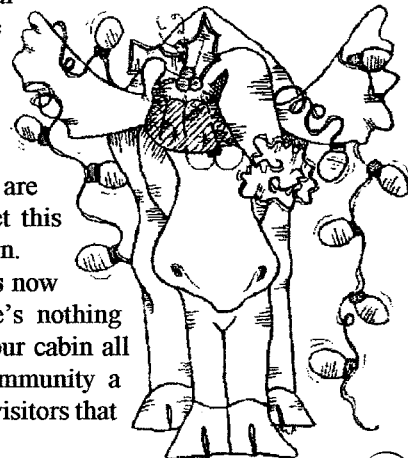
Overheard at last year's MLWC brunch ... One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of candy can make a person gain five pounds. Inside some of us is a thin person struggling to get out, but they can usually be sedated with a few pieces of chocolate cake....

MLCECS to have a FLEA MARKET in Tucson in February

Clean out those closets ... a Swap meet & Flea market will be held in Tucson on a Sunday in February by the MLCECs. Watch the next issue of the Echoes for the exact date and location. Proceeds will be used to sponsor the next annual Uptown Sundays Summer events and Mt Lemmon Light Festival. Remember, all donations from events planned by the MLCECS go back to our community - to the ML Fire Department and the ML Water Cooperative. And we help bring in visitors to the local businesses as well. We'll be having Saturday night light ups and Sunday events this summer. The pie auction was so successful we'll be doing that again this summer! We are planning a second flea market this summer as well on Mt Lemmon.

Remember to buy your lights now for this summer - and, there's nothing improper about lighting up your cabin all year round - it gives the community a warm, lived in glow and tells visitors that someone is home.

Ahhhh, it's great to be home for the holidays. Home is where you can say anything you like, because nobody listens to you anyway.



A Note From The President

by Ross A. Quigley

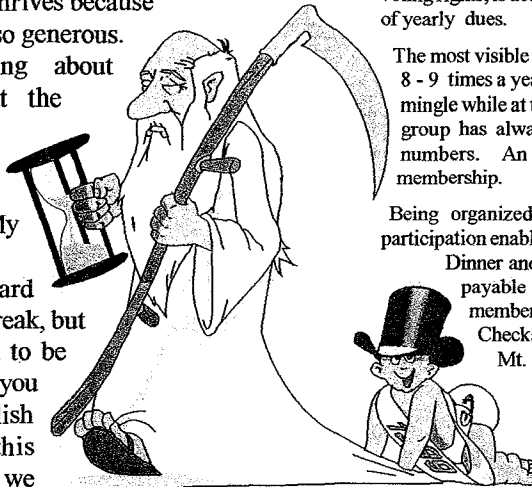
Winter is upon us and I wish you all a great holiday season. I personally hope for a very snowy beginning to the New Year, as it will make life much easier for all of us this coming spring. Wet winters make our water supply much easier to manage through the spring and summer. Please help "Mother Nature" by making sure you properly close your cabins down for the winter. Any leaks or broken pipes can severely damage our stored water supply and cause shortages for everyone!

This has been a very unusual year with world events and Mt. Lemmon has responded in a truly admirable fashion. In a time when our own Fire Department, as well as the New York City Fire Department and Police Department were in need, YOU responded with untold generosity and I am very proud!! This community thrives because people like all of you are so generous.

I'm not only speaking about monetary donations, but the support you have shown for community events, fire prevention programs, and water conservation. My hats off to ALL of you.

Your Homeowner's Board will be taking a Holiday Break, but we would like all of you to be thinking about what you would like us to accomplish for our community this coming year. Remember, we are a community service organization and we are open to suggestions for activities that will benefit the entire Summerhaven area. If there is an item you would like us to address, please call me at 749-0361 and let me know.

In closing I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year!



crime. Calls are not traced or recorded. If your information leads to the arrest and indictment of the person(s) responsible for this terrible act of vandalism ... You will be eligible for a cash award up to \$1,000. We don't want your name, just your information.

Echoes editor sends this New Years wish your way -

Work like you don't need the money... Love like you've never been hurt... Dance like no one is watching!

Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association, P. O. Box 699,

Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619 The Mt. Lemmon Homeowners' Association (MLHO) was formed in 1969 to protect the welfare of the Mt. Lemmon community and to be involved in all aspects of its improvement. The concerns of the organization are not limited to private property owners. Full membership, with voting rights, is accorded to private owners and leased land holders upon payment of yearly dues.

The most visible product of the MLHO is the ECHOES; a newsletter published 8 - 9 times a year. The Association organizes social events enabling owners to mingle while at the same time raising funds for various community causes. This group has always depended upon volunteer support and found strength in numbers. An elected board acts on behalf of and for the benefit of the membership.

Being organized, having a legal fund and having active LOCAL voice participation enables the Association to accomplish most of its goals. The Annual Dinner and Meeting is held each year in April. Dues are \$25 per year, payable January 1. Renters and friends of the mountain may obtain membership for \$20 a year. Membership fees are prorated quarterly. Checks payable to Mt. Lemmon Homeowner's Assoc., PO Box 699, Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619-0699.

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REWARD

by Jamie Turner

The Loma Sabino Homeowner's Association, Stratford Management and the Pima County Sheriff's Department ... need your help. On September 1, 2001 vandals physically removed a 15 x 4.5 foot gate from the roadway of the Loma Linda Extension road. The gate was removed with the use of a pipe cutter and a sawall. The gate was later recovered on September 25, 2001 approximately 100 - 200 feet away from where it was removed. It was covered with branches, leaves, etc in hopes of disguising it's recovery. There are 5 gates leading to this property, 3 are locked permanently and this is the 2nd of the 3 to be vandalized. If you have any information regarding this vandalism, please contact 88-

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Do You need Firewood?

LSHO Association has completed phases 1, 2 and 3 and with substantial assistance of the ML Fire Department, phase 4 of our "Special Fire Prevention/Healthy Forest Project", and **there is Fire Wood available if you need it.** Area # 4 is where most of the wood, cut into 2 foot lengths, is located. This area borders off the Extension Road/ Middle Sabino (up from the water tanker) and the back side of cabins located on Ajo Ave. Finding this wood make take a little effort to walk up the "hills", so please be careful of your footing. There is some dead/dry, but most of this wood will take a year to season. The L.S. board and the membership of Loma Sabino hope this can be a help to the community. If you have any questions, please call Teri or Lynn at Sratford Management 795-6500

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

You may all have received postcards from **Pima County Development Services** before Thanksgiving regarding a **public hearing** to update the Pima County Comprehensive plan. These cards were sent using the **Mt Lemmon** property tax codes -so the updated plan must involve Mt Lemmon. The Public Hearing will be held **Wed, Dec 12th, 9AM** at the **Tucson Convention Center, Leo Rich Theatre, 260 S Church**. A note at the base of the postcard reads "Please contact Planning Division of Development Services 740-6800" if you have any questions. The **2001 Comprehensive Plan Update** will then come before the **Board of Supervisors Tues, Dec 18th**, at or after 9AM in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 1st Floor, Admin Building, 130 W Congress, according to the postcard notice.

Current board members are Ross Quigley, president, Dani Hayhurst, vice president & editor of Echoes, Kathy Shields, secretary, Carrie Reitz, treasurer, Florence Wilhoite, Red Greth, Fran Crowe, Fran Zimmerman, Chuck Autrey, Olga Pace, Pete Krauss, Tom Thomas, Chet Goldberg, John Mulay, and Red Greth.