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Catron County's Children

Children to be proud of ~ September Fair Junior Livestock

The 2023 Catron County Fair is in the Books! We hope you enjoyed all we had to offer! The Jr. Livestock show had roughly 80 exhibitors this year; more than any other year. There were roughly 144 animals entered making this year one of the biggest years yet! The Catron County Fair Board would like to congratulate the following people for their part in making this year's fair a huge success. The following is a list of exhibitors that received awards for all their dedication and hard work throughout the year:

Jr. Livestock Show results :

Grand Champion Poultry: Gracie Carver
Grand Champion Rabbit: Khloe McDowell-Donaldson
Grand Champion Swine: Weston Carver
Grand Champion Goat: Caleb Becker
Grand Champion Lamb: Zaine Finch
Grand Champion Steer: Blaze Bunney
Grand Champion Cake: Berta Alguire
Reserve Champion Poultry: Kreedon Norton
Reserve Champion Swine: Aiden Stauffer
Reserve Champion Goat: Elizabeth Baldrige
Reserve Champion Lamb: Blaze Barnett
Reserve Champion Steer: Blaze Bunney
Champion County Bred: Elizabeth Baldrige
Champion County Bred Steer: Taylor McQueen
Champion County Bred Swine: Waylon Wills
Champion County Bred Lamb: Trevor Saulsberry

Showmanship awards:

Junior Poultry Showmanship: Janie Donaldson
Senior Poultry Showmanship: Rayden Leyba-Reid
Junior Rabbit Showmanship: Janie Donaldson
Junior Beef Showmanship: Weston Carver
Senior Beef Showmanship: Emma Walker
Junior Lamb Showmanship: Trevor Saulsberry
Senior Lamb Showmanship: Zaine Finch
Junior Goat Showmanship: Hesston Baldrige
Senior Goat Showmanship: Berta Alguire
Junior Swine Showmanship: Janie Donaldson
Senior Swine Showmanship: Corbin Becker
Character award: Trevor Saulsberry

Herdsmen awards:

Swine: Junior: Sam Donaldson;
Senior: Rylee Gonzales



Lamb: Junior: Trevor Saulsberry;
Senior: Tanner Norton
Steer: Junior: Sage Hendricks;
Senior: Arden Staffer
Goat: Junior: Aspen Hendricks;
Senior: Elizabeth Baldrige
Poultry: Senior: Rayden Leyba-Reid
Rabbit: Junior: Janie Donaldson

Special Recognition: Emma Walker County Bred Breeder Awards:

Goats: Steve and Holly Jensen
Steer: Tommy Padilla, 911 Cattle Company
Swine: Wills Family
Lamb: Saulsberry Ranch

Indoor exhibits:

Sweepstakes Winner: Cindy Howell
Needlework Grand Champion: Diana Pattison
Needlework Reserve Grand Champion: Evelyn Williams
Cross Stitch Grand Champion: Holly Fawcett
Clothing Reserve Grand Champion: Debra Nudson
Crafts Grand Champion: Travis Rahart
Crafts Reserve Grand Champion: Diana Dankworth
Horticulture Grand Champion: Donnie Hobbs
Horticulture Reserve Grand Champion: Dave Parnell
Art Best of Show: Debbie Gordon
Photography Best of Show: Travis Rahart
Art Grand Champion: Sarah Nicolds
Art Reserve Grand Champion: Debbie Gordon

Horse show results:

Overall Champion: Kel-Lee Romero
Mare Halter Class: First Place, Bella Adair;
Second Place, Taryn Adair
Gelding Halter Class: First Place, Lorna Adair;
Second Place, Randy Stieg; Third Place, Ben Stieg

Open Showmanship Halter Class:

First Place, Kel-Lee Romero

Open Western Pleasure Class:

First Place, Kel-Lee Romero;
Second Place, Isabell Schmidt



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NEW MEXICO OPEN MEETINGS ACT Intent vs Law

“The New Mexico Open Meetings Act (OMA) ensures that the public receives the greatest possible information regarding the affairs of government and the official acts of those officers and employees who represent them.” A “representative government” (County, City or Village) is dependent upon residents being fully informed of those decisions made by their government. The New Mexico OMA has clear regulatory guidelines for “Notice to the Public”. Although “posting notices” in public places for government meetings and agendas may meet the “Letter of the Law” but does it fall short of meeting the intent?? One example of where only posting meeting notices fell far short of fully informing the public, is the recent Village of Reserve Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1. After reviewing the Village of Reserve meeting videos and sign in sheets for the Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1 meetings, it is clear that less than 1% of the residents of Catron County participated in the process. There were comments made at the meetings that the meetings were lacking many residents such as the younger residents, and the Outfitters. The question was raised on “where are the residents, and other impacted individuals? Why were they not attending the Moratorium Ordinance meetings?? Such comments should have been a clear indication (or warning) to the Village of Reserve Trustees that the postings of the Village of Reserve may not be getting to a wide audience of those that may be impacted or those that would have wanted to participate in the Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1. The handful of supporters of Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1 would argue they had more than 1,000 signatures on a “petition”. It was argued at the Moratorium Ordinance meetings that the petition signatures gave a clear indication that residents did not want a Dollar General. Having reviewed the “petition” it was clear the petition said nothing about a Moratorium Ordinance on commercial construction.

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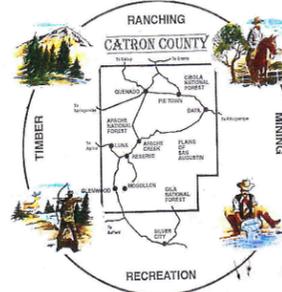
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EARLY VOTING AND ABSENTEE VOTING IN CATRON COUNTY REGULAR LOCAL ELECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Early and absentee voting for Catron County will begin on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, and will continue until Saturday, November 4, 2023. Early Voting will be Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM and on Saturday, November 4, 2023, the hours will be 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Early voting will be done in the Clerk's Office.

Remember election day is on November 7, 2023, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM at your regular polling place.

Mobile Early Voting, there will be no Mobile Early Voting during this Regular Local Election.

CATRON COUNTY VOTING LOCATIONS

EARLY VOTING	ELECTION DAY
OCT 10 - NOV 4 Mon - Fri (8am - 4:30pm) *Saturday NOV 4 (10am - 6pm)	Election Day is Tuesday, Nov 7. All Vote Centers will be open from 7am - 7pm
Catron County Courthouse 100 Main St, Reserve	Aragon Fire Station 2596 Highway 12, Aragon
	Glenwood Community Center 21 Menges Ln, Glenwood
ABSENTEE BALLOTS	Datil Fire Station 16 Old State Road 60, Datil
Absentee ballots may be dropped off at the County Clerk's Office, any Vote Center, or the following drop boxes before 7PM on Election Day	Horse Mountain Fire Station 9 Frontier Trail, Datil
<i>Las boletas en ausencia/entregadas por correo se pueden entregar en la oficina del secretario del condado, en cualquier centro de votacion en su condado o en los siguientes sitios antes de las 7pm del dia de las elecciones.</i>	Luna Community Center 31 Luna Valley Dr, Luna
Covered entrance of the Catron County courthouse 100 Main St, Reserve	Pie Town Community Center 6 Beanery Rd, Pie Town
	Quemado Community Center 27 Lopez St, Quemado
	Reserve Community Center 37 Mountaineer Rd, Reserve

The petition stated “By my signature I am declaring an opposition to a Corporate store such as Dollar general coming into our town.....” Therefore, if there were in fact 1,000 signatures on petitions, the petitions cannot be tied to public support and/or approval of the Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1. With the above as a summary, it would appear the Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1 was passed with only the feedback/comments from a handful of residents and merchants. It is also clear from reviewing the meeting videos the Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1 was used as an attempt to stop Dollar General from coming into the Village of Reserve.

If the Village of Reserve wanted to ensure that the public received the greatest possible information on its Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1 there were other options that could have been utilized for such a significant Ordinance:

Post the Meeting Notice, agenda and a summary of the matter in the Catron County Newspaper.

Utilize the electronic Billboard on Main Street to post meeting notices.

Send out a mailing to all residents summarizing the matter and identifying the meetings scheduled for public comment. Schedule an anonymous vote of residents.

It is easier to not go above and beyond for public notice and settle for Public Postings. That can and did limit public participation for Moratorium Ordinance 2023-1. This writer would like to point out that the places of public postings for the Village of Reserve are not those that many residents routinely visit. In the future when there are Ordinances that address significant matters the government officials should consider if additional efforts are needed to fully inform the impacted public and seek higher level of public participation. An informed public is the only way to ensure a Democratic process, where government officials represent the concerns and ideas of the citizens.

CONCERNED AND INFORMED RESIDENT

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Open Horsemanship Class: First Place, Kel-Lee Romero;
Second Place, Ben Stieg

Open Horsemanship Class 8 and Under: First Place, Randy Stieg

Trail Class: First Place, Ben Stieg

Trail Class 8 and Under: First Place, Randy Stieg

Keyhole Race: First Place, Isabell Schmidt;

Second Place Kel-Lee Romero; Third Place, Ben Stieg

Keyhole Race 8 and Under: First Place, Randy Stieg

Stake Race: First Place, Isabell Schmidt;

Second Place, Kel-Lee Romero; Third Place, Ben Stieg

Stake Race 8 and Under: First Place, Randy Stieg

Barrel Race: First Place, Kel-Lee Romero;

Second Place, Isabell Schmidt; Third Place, Ben Stieg

Barrel Race 8 and Under: First Place, Randy Stieg

Pole Bending: First Place, Isabell Schmidt;

Second Place, Kel-Lee Romero; Third Place, Ben Stieg

Pole Bending 8 and Under: First Place Randy Stieg

Junior Rodeo results:

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowgirl ages 6 and under: Raegan Walraven

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowboy ages 6 and under: Lukas Marquez

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowgirl ages 7-10: Riata Green

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowboy ages 7-10: Quade Topmiller

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowgirl ages 11-14: Isabell Schmidt

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowboy ages 11-14: Brody Topmiller

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowgirl ages 15-18: Leandra Estrada

Junior Rodeo All Around Cowboy ages 15-18: Cole Lee

Ranch Rodeo results:

First Place: Z Box, Cody Smith, Carl Elkins, Cody Runyan
and Wade Hatch.

Second Place: Rockin JK; Jake Kuentler, Ralf LeSueur,
Pete Brockman, and Wyatt Farnsworth.

Third Place: Regulators; Kevin Marquez, Marcos Marquez,
Adrian Marquez, and Pat Forkner

Top Cowboy went to Keith Wilkerson

Top cowgirl went to Isbell Kaenee

Kevin Marquez had the the **top horse**

Open Ranch Bronc Champion: Colt Chlarson

The Catron County Fair Board would also like to say a special thank you to all of the volunteers, exhibitors, sponsors, donors, buyers, and vendors. We have worked hard to bring you this year's fair. Without your attendance, donations, and participation none of this would be possible. Thank you for investing in the youth and community of Catron County!



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The Second Saturday of each month Frontier Food Hub presents fresh New Mexico/Arizona grown produce and eggs as well as fresh sprouts, mushrooms and a variety of locally produced food items.

Be sure to drop by every 2nd Saturday at the Catron County Fairgrounds to see what is fresh in-season.



Nan Elmer retires after 40 years of service as Head of the Fair Board and passes the Torch to Dorinda Burns at the 2023 Fair.

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Catron County Military Recognition Project

In January of 2022, 3 friends were having breakfast discussing the patriotic tree that Trailriders in Springerville had up. The question was asked "Why can't we do something like that at the courthouse?" The next day a phone call was made between the friends with one question- "When can we start?" The Military Recognition Project became a reality.

After months of researching for the names of veterans in Catron county, multiple planning sessions between the friends, researching military recognition dates, talking to the ladies at the courthouse to see if their Christmas tree could be used, we received permission to use their tree. With the support and help from the American Legion Post 82, the first tree was decorated. The date was May 21st for Military Appreciation day. There were 9 "dogTags" of active duty service men and women placed on the tree, along with other patriotic decorations. Memorial Day, 13 dogtags were placed, Veterans day almost 300 dogtags were placed on the trees.

We learned that there had been pictures of veterans displayed on the wall at the courthouse but had been recently removed. After much searching and with help from the ladies at the courthouse, those pictures were found and are now back on the wall where they are proudly displayed once again. We hope to be able to add more pictures in the future.

We continued the project during 2023, gathering new names, new decorations, and adding new trees.

Today we decorated 2 trees for **Veterans Day**. One for deceased veterans and one for veterans still living, placing over **500 dogtags**. We hope to add new names for next year's trees. There are 2 lists with the trees, one for surviving veterans, and the other for deceased veterans. When you visit the courthouse, please take the time to view the trees and read the lists. If there are any names not listed on either list, please add them. Their names will be added for next year's trees.

These trees are the way of honoring all our military personnel who receive very little recognition.

To all our military personnel:

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Opinion of Editor:

I'm not fond of political parties and I don't believe that government should be infested with party agendas and plans to make one party prevail over another each election cycle.

Serious adults who see a position in government as service to one's community is what I, *personally*, want to see in positions of power and respect.

Local elections do not involve political parties other than those folks who choose to vote a straight Democrat or Republican ticket ~ regardless of the qualifications, honesty, integrity, capabilities and meritorious behaviour that provide the hallmarks of performance We, the People demand of our public servants.

Local elections give The People an opportunity to choose the calibre of government they will live under. The county is the only place in this Nation where each person's vote truly counts.

Research the Candidates and vote intelligently, the lives of your children may well be in the balance, especially if they are in public schools.

Cheers,
 Steve {steve@catroncountynews.org}

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Tourism—Vital for our Catron County Economy

With our federal agencies failed policies for managing our federal lands, we see the continuing policy of nonuse of our natural resources namely logging, grazing, hunting and mining. The Endangered Species Act ESA has enabled the federal agencies along with the liberal environmental groups to practically bring our economy to an economic standstill. The spotted owl, the Mexican gray wolf, the Leopard Spotted Frog, the narrow nosed garter snake, the willow fly catcher, the jumping meadow mouse, the spile dace loach minnow and on and on. The anti consumptive user's goal of these agencies and the radical environmentalists is taking down our local economy here in Catron county.

Our ranchers are being hit from every angle from the Forest Service not recognizing the FS grazing allotment ranchers rights and fencing off waters and planting so called endangered species everywhere to implement their no grazing policy or to curtail it enough that the rancher can't make a living. Then they come in and dump the wolves to speed up the demise of our ranching community.

Hunting and outfitting has replaced much of the logging industry related jobs and income to the County, and now the rapidly increasing wolf population is taking down our elk population. The hunting industry is a huge economic driver in keeping our communities alive. The cuts have begun this year as the NM Department of Game and Fish cut 138 rifle bull elk tags in four of the upper Gila units in 16C, 16E, 16A and especially 16B the wilderness unit with 95 of those reductions. This is 138 hunters not using the local economy here in 2023.

Lower harvest levels of fewer bull elk due to wolf depredation will only continue to take the toll on our hunting community. I have operated as a professional outfitter in the Gila Wilderness for 37 years now and if our success rates don't improve we will quit operations there. We are in business to try and get our clients an elk and not just give them an expensive camping trip.

To further this radical agenda the access to our resources is being neglected, ignored and put off. Trail maintenance and reconstruction especially in the Gila Wilderness and an extremely bad road into the main part of the Gila National Forest,

Forest Road #141 which 20 miles of old worn out pavement with very bad potholes and very hard on equipment. This is perhaps the most heavily trafficked road in the whole Gila NF. The 30 miles of gravel on to the Willow Creek trailhead and cabins is bladed on rare occasion and many time is nothing but a bone jarring washboard. These policies or lack thereof have a big impact on our tourism with back packers, horseback riders, hunters, fishermen, week end campers and this all adds up in lost revenue to local economy.

The spotted owl is stifling an extremely important and potential for a big boost to our local economy by shutting down the Canadian Mining Company trying to open up the gold and silver mining at Mogollon. It is and can continue to be a tremendous boost to our dying economy especially the Alma and Glenwood area.

Our economy and our local work force is being shut down on an ongoing movement by the anti consumptive user gang. They want to change the way our public land is managed, into non use and a utopian playground for the leaf licker and bunny hugger crowd.

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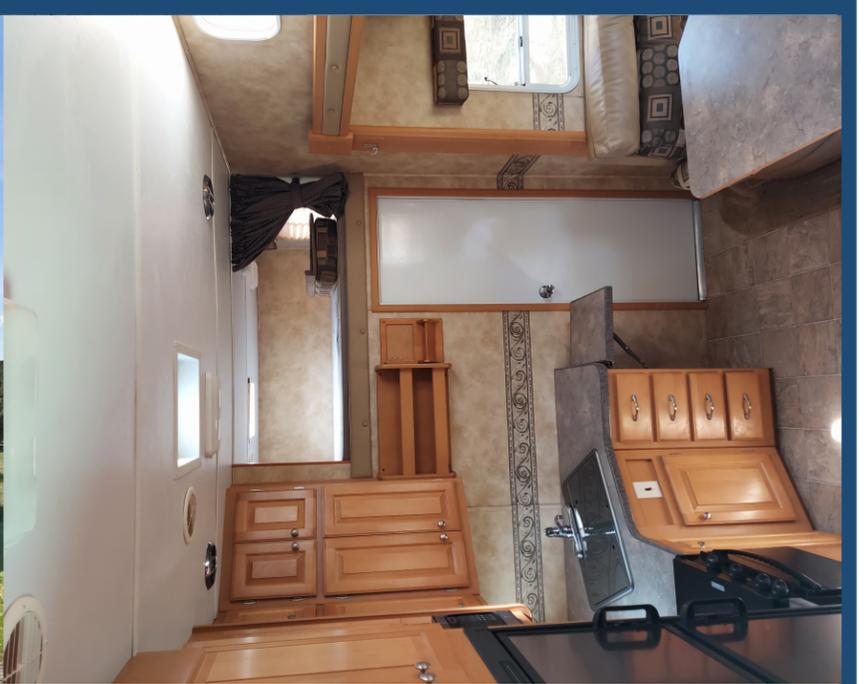
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Applicants will need to be willing to obtain an AHA CPR card and attend a three-week NM LEA Dispatcher Certification Class within the first year of employment.

Applications will be accepted until the position has been filled. Applications and a job description may be obtained from the Catron County Sheriff's Office, the Catron County Manager's Office, or the Catron County Website.

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100 Main Street 100 Main Street
P. O. Box 467 P. O. Box 507
Reserve, New Mexico 87830 Reserve, New Mexico 87830
(575) 533-6222 (575) 533-6423
Catron County Website
www.catroncounty.us

Opening Date: Monday, June 19, 2023

Closing Date: Until filled

Catron County is an "Equal Opportunity Employer"

APPLICATIONS AND RESUMES CAN BE SENT VIA EMAIL TO:
Barbara Hutson, barbara.hutson@catroncountynm.gov, 575-533-6423
Or via fax 575-533-6433 or you can bring it in person to the Catron County Courthouse building, located at 100 Main ST, Reserve NM 87830.



The annual **Datil Extension Club Craft Fair** is happening this year! (Remember it was cancelled during the pandemic.) We want to remind you to come and participate in this fun event, shop for Christmas presents, visit your friends and enjoy a good lunch. There will be crafters from all over and a variety of crafts to choose from.

Date: Saturday, November 4, 2023

Place: Datil Elementary School Gymnasium

Time: 9am to 4pm

2. That as part of the Civil Rights Act, **18 U.S.C. §§245(a)(1)** allows state and local law enforcement authorities the authority and responsibility for prosecuting acts that may be in violation of the Civil Rights Act and that violate state or local law.

3. That the Commissioners of Catron County endorse the protections, rights or privileges afforded by the U.S. Constitution and the Civil Rights Act and desire to ensure that those protections, rights or privileges are afforded to the citizens of Catron County.

BE IT DECREED BY THE CATRON COUNTY COMMISSION,
STATE OF NEW MEXICO

THE COMMISSION DECLARES:

1. That to provide for the general welfare, public peace, health and safety of the citizens of Catron County, emergency passage of this Ordinance is required to protect the citizens of Catron County from current or potential violations of their rights or privilege as guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, federal statutes and local Ordinances.

2. That the Civil Rights Act, **18 U.S.C. §§241** et seq. shall be adopted as a county Ordinance by the County Commission of Catron County.

3. That all violations of this Ordinance and the rights or privileges that this Ordinance protects, shall be filed with the county, district or prosecuting attorney or with the district court judge for submission to a grand jury. Once a petition regarding such violations of a right or privilege protected by this Ordinance is filed with the county, district or prosecuting attorney or the grand jury, an investigation of such violation must occur, including a determination of the identification of the person(s), including but not limited to any employee of the federal, state or county government responsible for such violation.

4. That nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the county officers or the grand jury from investigating any potential violation of this Ordinance.

5. That all violations of this Ordinance shall be considered a criminal matter, therefore the punishment imposed upon the determination of guilty verdict shall be the maximum punishment allowed by the state law of New Mexico.

6. That if any provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity does not affect any other provision of this
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO CATRON COUNTY
RESERVE, NEW MEXICO 87830

ORDINANCE NO. 002-91

ORDINANCE OF THE CATRON COUNTY COMMISSION, STATE OF NEW MEXICO, (1) ADOPTING AN **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE** TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC PEACE, GENERAL WELFARE, HEALTH, AND SAFETY OF THE CITIZENS OF CATRON COUNTY FROM VIOLATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL AND CIVIL RIGHTS OF THE CITIZENS, (2) PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ORDINANCE, AND (3) REQUESTING THAT THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO ENACT SIMILAR LEGISLATION TO CODIFY WITH STATE LAW SUCH STATUTES AS ENACTED BY COUNTY ORDINANCE AND BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

1. That the purpose of the Civil Rights Act, **18 U.S.C. §§241** et seq. is to protect the citizens of the United States from acts which "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any citizen in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States."

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Ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to those ends the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

THE COMMISSION DIRECTS that a copy of this Ordinance be forwarded to the Legislature for the State of New Mexico and respectfully requests that similar legislation be passed by the state.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND SIGNED by the Catron County Board of County Commissioners as **Catron County Ordinance No. 002-91** and recorded with the Catron County Clerk this 21 day of August, 1990.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CATRON COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
ATTEST:

/s/ _____

J. V. Blancq, Clerk

/s/ _____

G. V. Allred, Jr.

/s/ _____

S. Rufus Choate

/s/ _____

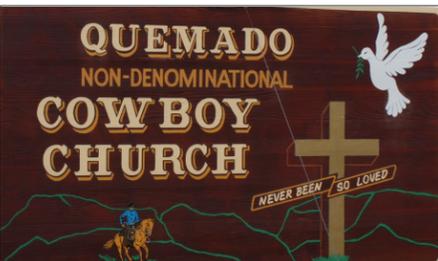
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Link to copy at Catron County's website:

<https://www.catroncounty.us/community/ordinances.php>

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It may have been a long time since folks read the County Ordinances that take precedence over State and Federal laws within the boundaries of the county. This one criminalizes actions that deprive the People of freedom and prosperity.



People are defined by their actions, and when a distraught and helpless widow had no where to turn for rescue it was the **People of the Quemado Cowboy Church** who showed up in masse with trucks and trailers and able body men to rescue this hapless widow! God blesses such a Congregation!

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Love, Rose & Steve



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The M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Act: A Disadvantage to Rural Economies and Local Control

The intention behind environmental conservation is to preserve nature for future generations. Still, when these efforts threaten the very communities existing alongside the protected areas, a re-evaluation becomes essential. The M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Wild and Scenic River Act (S776), introduced by Senator Martin Heinrich, aims to shield 450 miles of the Gila River and its tributaries. However, the very nature of this bill, coupled with its potential consequences, draws a growing concern among rural economies, especially those centered on agriculture.

Private property owners are at the forefront of these concerns. The Wild and Scenic designation, although not directly annexing private lands, can greatly devalue them due to the stringent regulations it imposes on the surrounding regions. The implications are vast: restricted construction activities, limited road-building, and even curtailed usage of motorized vehicles. Such constraints not only affect the convenience of property ownership but also infringe upon the rights of these owners to use their land as they see fit.

Water rights stand as another critical issue. In regions where water is already a scarce and contested resource, the designation's potential to allow federal control over local water bodies is alarming. This possible overreach into regional water management can lead to the undermining of previously held rights by individuals and entities. In extreme cases, this might even pave the way for expropriation, where private properties are legally seized for public use.

The heartbeats of many rural economies – the farming and ranching communities – find themselves directly in the crosshairs of such designations. A significant chunk of western agriculture leans heavily on grazing rights on federal lands. But with the Wild and Scenic designation, these rights can be severely diminished. Such limitations can make transportation of produce a challenge and can impose restrictions on accessing remote land areas. Furthermore, possible regulations on water usage or modifications to irrigation systems can thrust financial hardships on these communities, potentially leading to a decline in local agriculture and ranching.

Despite the act's noble intention to preserve the Gila River's unique attributes, its approach has garnered criticism, with some viewing it as Senator Heinrich's attempt at political positioning. Notably, the opposition is strong in Arizona and New Mexico, where the ramifications of the proposed designation hit closest to home. These concerns of federal overreach and undermining local control have stalled the bill's passage through the Senate, not once but twice.

Moreover, conservation should never be at the expense of the environment itself. Restricting practices like responsible grazing might inadvertently elevate the risks of wildfires, jeopardizing the very environment the designation aims to protect.

In conclusion, while the drive to conserve is commendable, it's imperative to adopt a balanced stance, understanding the multifaceted implications on the local communities. The M.H. Dutch Salmon Greater Gila Act underscores the perpetual tug-of-war between federal conservation aspirations and the rights of local entities. Thus, now, more than ever, it's vital for property and water rights holders to actively participate in shaping the destiny of such legislation, ensuring that the voice of the rural economy is neither subdued nor ignored.

{Heritage Waters Coalition} www.heritagewaters.org

Catron County News invites local folks in all our villages and towns as well as out-in-the-wild to send articles and photos of events for publication both in print and on the internet. We want to give the People a Voice in the Wilderness.

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Editor's Note:

Facts, long proven, inspire prudence & caution.

"It is dangerous to be right in matters on which the established authorities are wrong." Voltaire, The Age of Louis XIV

There remains no doubt as to what can not be said on Social Media and the internet. With the roll-out of COVID19 a new phase of tyranny has been revealed that bodes ill for all but a Few.

I said that to say that we have a visceral understanding of the high cost of telling the Truth and although we do admire People who state their name with their opinion, we comprehend the critical danger the revelation of certain information may create.

Therefore, please indicate your preference when you email your thoughts & opinions for publication.

Steve@catroncountynews.org



Free Enterprise and Improving Reserve articles from Sep 2023 and Oct 2023

Normally I don't like to get involved in back and forth discussions where one is so opinionated that they have lost their conception of reality and lack the fundamental knowledge of what they are writing about. However, there have been multiple articles in this paper that have caught my attention and I think are deserving of a response.

First, I'd like to address the article, "What happened to American Free Enterprise in the Village of Reserve". This article accuses the grocery stores in Reserve of overcharging their customers, earning excessive profit that is not spent on making structural improvements, placing fear on residents that a Dollar General will shut down local businesses, and using "30-year old business strategies" all to the detriment of the elderly and low income. I'm not sure how the nameless author of this article understands anything about what our profit is? Have they ever ran a business in a small community?

We are not like Dollar General in that we do not cheat our customers with the same size of can, but with different ounces of product and say that we are giving our customers a deal. We do not have the buying power where we can get many products, such as sodas from Coca Cola and Pepsi, at huge discounted prices as we do not have a distribution network that feeds multiple stores throughout the U.S. We do not receive almost out-of-date products at discounted prices so we can reap additional profit at the expense of our customers. Naturally, our prices are going to be higher due to this fact.

Sure, Jake's can go to a point-of-sale system and fire some workers and leave one person on-site to monitor customers at the self-checkout, but we, from our generations of experience ~~operating in this community~~, understand our customer base and they, specifically the elderly, will not use such systems which would save us some money. We value our customers and have tried to create a one-stop shop for all their needs. We sell chain saws, have a meat department (with a butcher), sell produce, sell lottery, can make most keys, sell feed, and can meet most people's needs with our groceries.

If I was in this business for the money, I would cut every non-grocery selling item and some grocery items from our products offered, which would include the butcher shop, produce, lottery, keys stihl products and concentrate only on what sells and gives Jake's the most profit for the least amount of manpower. Does this sound like a familiar strategy to the nameless? Sure, we make a profit, but it is not what a Dollar General would make as we provide these other services to the community so they don't have to go out of town for their grocery needs.

From our experience, the community and especially the elderly value that they can come to our store and get fresh ground beef, deli items, or a steak. They value that they can come Jake's and we will load and sell them their chicken feed and fix their chainsaw or order them a new one. They value that they can put items ~~on a ticket and pay later~~. They value that we cash their checks or hold others until they get paid. They value that we support the community, by donating to almost every organization that comes to us with a need including the school, the fair, the rodeos, churches, etc. and have also donated extensively to those going through hardships. They value that we provide discounts for those spending over \$100 and that we offer discounts that support organizations such as the Continental Divide Hikers. We have thrown bills away, which were in the value range of thousands, that people could not afford. This is all because of our antiquated business philosophy. Does this author not understand that without providing what we do here at Jake's that the community will lose out.

Losing Jake's will affect the entire town as community members will then be forced to go out of town, and spend all their savings on gas, to meet their needs. How attractive would this community be without all the different items Jake's offers. If you think a Jake's can stand on its own by selling only feed, chainsaws, keys and a butcher shop, then you are delusional. Currently, we employ 6 full-time workers and 3 part-time workers in this community. Whereas a Dollar General employs one manager and a few part-time employees. Why do they do this.....to save money and increase their profit margin. Jake's, whether you like the store or not, is a substantial employer in this community. I'm all about free enterprise, but by losing Jake's and all that it offers, the elderly and the low income, which were used by the anonymous author as examples, will have no choice but to go out of town if a Dollar General were to come here.

The article, "Can we improve the Village of Reserve" is another anonymous article that necessitates some attention. It did not go unnoticed that for the vast majority of how Reserve could be improved has to do with Jake's, which probably has one of the most stable hours in the community by being open almost every day throughout the year. Unbeknownst to this author, Jake's has looked at doing almost every one of these recommendations and appreciates their interest in our business. However, currently we do not have the staffing to keep the business open until 9 pm from Friday through Sunday. We struggle, at times, to keep the hours we do. This staffing issue is also one reason why we have not been able to sell freshly made deli sandwiches. We do offer fresh sandwiches, but our butcher shop does not make them.

Also, just to let the author know, that the slowest time since we started carrying those sandwiches was in September during the busiest time of the year for the community. Later in the article, the author also suggests having picnic tables outside or expanding into the building between Jake's and Uncle Bill's (which has never been for sale). It sounds like you want Jake's to be a café as well. Reserve already has a café. Why wouldn't this venture be better suited for them? As for making the "interior more pleasing" by cleaning the swamp coolers, we clean these very often and you may have come in when one of our employees mistakenly turned off the pump one night and it subsequently stunk like fish, which is the case with all swamp coolers regardless of the frequency of cleaning. As for ducts, we do not have any ducts, as our other AC units are mini splits. Hence, I'm not sure where the author is

getting the information that our ducts need cleaned. Bottom line is we appreciate your interest in improving our store and I am willing to interview you for the 6-9 pm and 4-9 pm slots for Friday through Sunday you mentioned. With any other suggestions, please contact me directly and let's not resort to a back and forth in the paper. Also, I'm sure the county would be interested in your thoughts, and I suggest attending one of their meetings, which would be a better venue to address your suggestions.

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 Email me if you want to be notified of our scheduled events: tawnya@435grill.com

Some of our Karaoke is on-line at www.catroncounty.org ~ just look at the "Recent Posts" Everyone is welcomed to join in the entertainment, or simply to relax and enjoy the music and the People who share their hearts and talent in the warmest and most friendly establishment in Reserve, New Mexico. See you here!



The 2nd Saturday of each month holds special treasure for all community focused People because not only will there be a great Karaoke Night for one and all, but there will also be a full day of local vendors and artists and creators of local products displaying their arts and crafts in the Main Building at the Fair Grounds in air conditioned comfort. Food and drinks and a great community spirit pervades and the artists and creators you will meet make for a myriad of reasons that no one should miss this epic once-in-a-month event in Reserve New Mexico.